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Edison-Miller Family Records

Family Records Series, Part V

[F5C-F] Correspondence (1886-1931)

Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection -- Mina Edison Papers

Title

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Description

These folders cover the years 1911-1931, with a few additional items from the period 1886-1910. The documents consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her mother Mary Valinda Miller, her brothers Edward Burkett Miller and Lewis Alexander Miller, her nephew Lewis Miller, II, and other family members. There are also some letters written by Mina Edison, along with correspondence from non-family members. Included are items discussing the deaths of Robert Anderson Miller in 1911 and Mary Valinda Miller in 1912, as well as the marriages of Mina's siblings Mary (1912), Grace (1916), Lewis (1916), and John (1921). Also included are letters dealing with Mina's struggle to reconcile herself to her daughter Madeleine's engagement and marriage to John Eyre Sloane. In addition, there are letters relating to the Edison family's trip to Europe in 1911, including references to reporter Edward A. U. Valentine of the *New York World*, who accompanied them, and to an automobile accident in Germany that resulted in the death of a young boy and the brief detainment of the Edison family.

The following family members appear as authors:

- Edison, Mina Miller = 26 letters
- Edison, Theodore Miller = 1 letter [2 additional letters can be found here]
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs. Ira M.) = 3 letters
- Miller, Cotta Smyser (Mrs. Lewis A.) = 7 letters (6 co-authored with Lewis)
- Miller, Edward Burkett = 6 letters
- Miller, Emily Clark Huntington = 6 letters
- Miller, Ira Mandeville = 9 letters
- Miller, Lewis Alexander = 33 letters
- Miller, Lewis, II = 11 letters
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs. Robert A.) = 4 letters [19 additional letters can be found here]
- Miller, Marcia Lucinda Bostwick (Mrs. Levi L.) = 4 letters
- Miller, Mary Emily = 2 letters
- Miller, Mary Valinda = 18 letters
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr. = 1 letter [3 additional letters can be found here]

Among the non-family members whose letters appear in these folders are longtime Edison associate Richard R. Bowker; Margaret Colgate, wife of industrialist Richard M. Colgate; Kate S. Curtis, wife of publisher Cyrus H. K. Curtis; Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of General George A. Custer; and Florence Doubleday, wife of publisher Frank N. Doubleday. Other documents by non-family members include a communication regarding Thomas Edison's visit to the French Pavilion at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, along with two letters from William J. Hammer regarding money and food vouchers sent by eight Edison Pioneers in 1920 to Francis Jehl in Budapest. Also included are resolutions by the New England Society of Orange and the New Orleans Woman's Club on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the electric light and several letters pertaining to anniversary activities at Chautauqua.

Approximately 50 percent of the letters from 1911-1931 have been selected.

Please note: Some of the letters by Louise Igoe Miller and her son Lewis Miller, II, scanned from the microfilm in the Charles Edison Collection, are now in the possession of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

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[F5C01AA], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1886

Title
[F5C01AA], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1886

Editor's Notes
[No image]

Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, George Alfred
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Frederick Clark

Date
1886-02-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals
- Social customs, norms, values

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My Dear Mina Feb 14/86

I assure you it would give me great pleasure to accept your cordial invitation and attend your wedding. Perhaps I might if it had only occurred to Mr Edison to invent some method of travelling that would make one independent of rail road trains, and such expensive luxuries. I am sure it would be no more difficult than some things he has already done to perfect some little pocket attachment, that might be hung on the back of your chair, by which you would be whisked away to the ends of the earth whenever the fancy seized you. Please suggest it to him whenever he has a couple of spare hours to devote to the work. Seriously my dear little girl. I can hardly make myself believe that you are actualy grown up. I think of you always with special tenderness because of my one little daughter whose short life began with your own babyhood: it was you who filled the arms she left empty, and I used to watch you from year to year and think just what she would have been if she had lived. So it partly seems as if you belonged to me, and I have no words to assure you of my tender love for you, or my hopes and prayers for your happiness. Life has troubles and cares and disappointments for all, but I have found it full of blessedness, and so will you. The old song is right — "There isn't more night than day," and it is a very good world to live in for people who believe in the leading of a Father's hand, and trust his love and wisdom for today and tomorrow.

You'll be a "bonnie bride," dearie, and I hope the sun will shine on you. I'm afraid if you were mine I never could find it in my heart to give you up, but that would be selfish in me, so perhaps it is well I am saved the temptation. If you were here you might be married in a palace, gorgeous enough for fairyland, when our wonderful ice castle is illuminated from foundation to turret with many colored electric lights, and looks like a pile of precious stones.

Harry is in Omaha, Fred at home, well and busy, George hobbling around the house on crutches from a sprained ankle, but gaining every day.

With love to all the family, and especialy to yourself.

Your Aunt
Emily H. Miller

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[F5C01AA1], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 19th, 1897

Title
[F5C01AA1], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 19th, 1897

Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, George Alfred
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Frederick Clark

Date
1897-11-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Visual arts
- Health and medicine

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Evanston Ills.
Nov. 19/1897

My Dear Mina

A few years ago some of the ladies here in Evanston feeling that it was a great pity that we had no art collection in the University organized an Art Guild to try to get pictures, vases &c, and have talks and lectures on art as a means of education. We have had very good success, and have a beautiful room in the Lunt Library where we have gathered some really good pictures, vases bronzes and casts from famous statuary. Our finest pottery and porcelain was purchased at the close of the Exposition, when articles were sold at great reduction, and many specimens from exhibits were donated.

This year we have undertaken to complete so far as possible our collection of American china and porcelains. and of course the most beautiful ware that we can boast is the Rookwood, and the New Jersey Belleek ware. Do you not feel like honoring your adopted state, and making us all happy and grateful by sending us some specimens of the beautiful wares made at Trenton. I wanted to give a little talk about the New Jersey manufactories last Wednesday, and could not find a single specimen among the members of the

Guild, and everybody was surprised to hear that the quality of Belleek made in New Jersey was admitted to be finer than the Irish.

I hope I may have the pleasure of putting in an exhibit labelled with your name, among the present attractions of the Art Room, but if not please pardon me for making the request

I had a lovely visit with Harry this summer, and miss him sadly now that he is gone. Fred is doing well indeed, and I have pleasant letters every week from George and his pretty little wife. They are keeping house in Fresno California

I am as well as usual, but I get dreadfully tired sometimes of this house full of girls, and all the care and responsibility, and long to drop it all and run away. I have not heard in a long time from Akron. Am afraid Jennie is still ill, as she has never answered my last letter.

With love to yourself, and to the dear Bakers.

Affectionately
Emily H. Miller

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[F5C01AB] Letter, 1910-1914

Title
[F5C01AB] Letter, 1910-1914

Author
Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1910-1914

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE friends and associates

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On board S·S·"CEDRIC."
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My dear Mrs Edison
Just a line to tell
you how much I
appreciate your sweet
thought of me in
sending the lovely
roses. And it was
so dear of Madeleine
to come down to the
steamer. How I would (1)

love to have taken her with me today. My brother had planned to sail with us but at the last moment was obliged to give up his room which communicated with ours, so if Madelaine could have joined us, we would both have been so happy. She is a dear girl and if possible Marie loves her more deeply than ever. I hope Mr Edison will continue to improve and that when we next hear he will have been able to resume the work of giving more comfort to the

world He has done
such great things for
all mankind that I pray
God will give him a
long life With dearest
love for you all

Devotedly yours

Sarah E Wiggins

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Title
[F5C01AE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 8th, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date
1911-01-08

Type
Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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archare of my [illegible] [illegible] and I want to write to them but really it has been so [illegible] and busy I could not get any thing. [illegible]

My Dear [illegible] [illegible]

I was a going to write a letter and tell you every thing I could think of and tell you to cheer up and enjoy life as best you can I think it is better to have and loose than never to have especially [illegible] lovely Husband and [illegible] it is very trying it is hard to part with them but you have the pleasure of knowing we did have a good time to gether and live in hopes of having the same some time soon again Love will come around often

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I will now close and when [illegible] Yours [illegible]
I can think of I send fifty kisses and my
and [illegible] continue to

love and all will be right I hope
hoping and trusting Eddie Barnhill
cannot come yet but I am easy he
has not been in the house for a
long time all his Christmass things
are here yet I have called over to
his office but never can get him
but I leave word with some man
to tell him but I donot know if he
does or not it makes me feel very
sad once in a while but I do try
to look on the bright side and trust
for every thing coming right yet dear
Eddie I always thought a great deal
of him and I will continue to and live
in hopes of his love and respects

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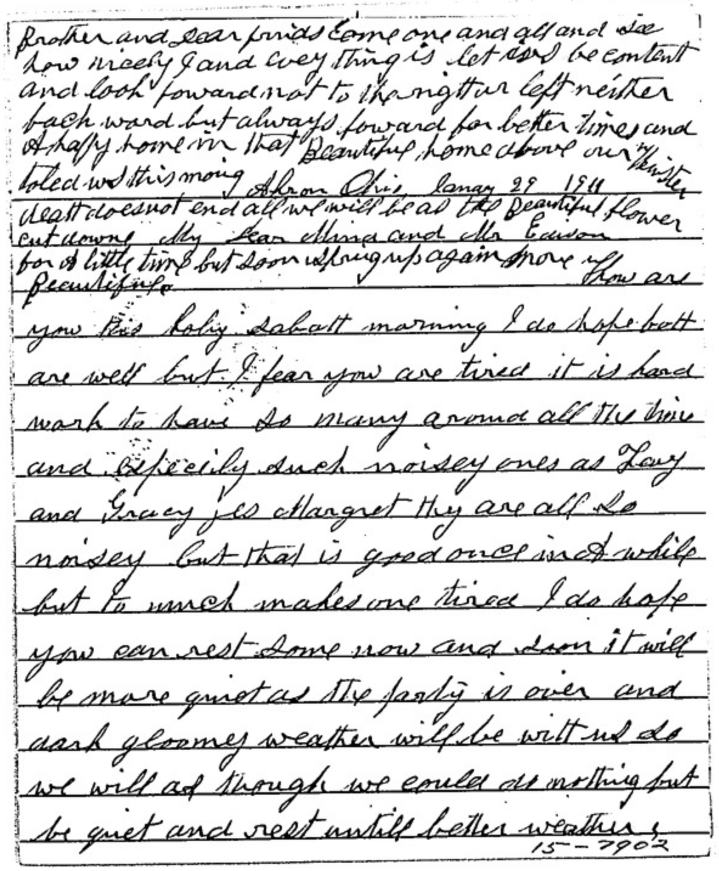
[illegible] every thing more than
best wishes to you and every young [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] Lewis [illegible]

about ready to start to your place
soon about [illegible] o'clock and it is three
now it is dark and rainy but Mamie
Gracy Mr Lewis and little Lewis with
Margaret and Mr Butler [illegible] walk
[illegible] Milton and Gracy [illegible] went
the Congregation Church this morning I
was very much surprised to see such
a fine Church I have never been in
our new churches so asked the girls
if they would go with me for I would
like to see what is in our little town
we meet a few old friends all seem
pleased to be very glad to see us I
want to go to all the Churches I have
never been in if Gracy [illegible] will go

I do hope you and dear Johny will [illegible] and try most little longer I do love to hear from you and know how every thing is I do think I had better stay at home with me I hardly know what dear Mamie will do she may stay on I mean she may come back here when she will do with me but we want her to stay some place until better weather but as yet she cannot say what she will do yet she seems pretty well now but [illegible] A while ~~but they~~ [illegible] I think it clears ones eyes and head to shed a few tears once in a while. Now darling I am a going to try and write often [illegible] to see Johny then the next to my darling and Mr Edison I do love each



Brother and dear frinds Come one and all and see
how nicely I and evey thing is let us be content
and look foward not to the rigtt or left neither
back ward but always foward for better times and
A happy home in that Beautiful home above our Sister
toled us this moring Akron Ohio Janay 29 1911
death doesnot end all we will be as the Beautiful flower
cut downe My dear Mina and Mr Eason
for a little time but soon sprungs up again more
Beautiful. How are
you this holy sabatt morning I do hope both
are well but I fear you are tired it is hard
work to have so many around all the time
and especily such noisey ones as Lacy
and Gracey yes Margret they are all so
noisey but that is good once in a while
but to much makes one tired I do hope
you can rest some now and soon it will
be more quiet as the party is over and
dark gloomey weather will be with us so
we will as though we could do nothing but
be quiet and rest untill better weather ;

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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison, Madeleine

Date
1911-01-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- Religion and spirituality

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Monday moring and all well but it is cold I do hope you and all your dear ones are well and enjoying yourselves the best you can in the winter time kisses and love with sympathey. Nemie seemes quite like her self so far we were all at the Grace Reform church Sunday is Gracy with you love to all Lovingly Mother. come home when ever you can

I just write A few lines to dear Johny it has ben so long since I did write to you or dear Johny I do feel sory and ashamed but realy it seemed I couldnot get my self settled long enough to think A letter Well rainey as it is we went to the Grace Reffohrm church we are going to the different churches both to see the church and hear the differnt ministers we have about concluded the little Methodest Church is good as any so far us go to the Baptest next sunday if all are well it seemes rather plesent to go to other churches for you meet more that know you and are glad to see you than at your owen hardly get out of the church this moring there was so many spoke to us and seemed so glad to see us I dont know what Docter ullman

will say to us but I think he will say we are doing right now there was A very nice lady spoke to me this moring and said she new you and asked A bout you now you see our being there made her think of you and it may be you said or did some good ack that brought her in the church and rembers you for that often when we think we are doing no good and can hardly see why we are living for is when we are doing good to some one let us strive to live for others if we cannot just now see the good. Darling I think of you day and night and wish I could do one thing we could either in word or ack that would help you it seemes your dear home has had so many in it you would be glad to get reid for A while any way I wonder how

darling you said you'd love your dear
Madelian your dear daughter how glad I
am you did and now I hope love will grow to
be stronger and stronger what would we do without
our dear ones.
Lewis and Gracy with Margret are all behav
ing themselve to gether I fear they will
tire you out for sure I wonder how dear ch
Edison likes it he says so little one cannot
know what he thinks. I hope the party was
all right and now you will feel a little rested
and every thing will be plesent for you now
my dear as for dear Madelian What can I
say it does seem hard to think she is a going
to leave us I say leave us for it does seem
after one Marys they are all for there new life
and new home not that they dont love and
care for there dear ones at home sweet home
but it semes natural for self to be made
ready first then come dear Father Mother

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Title

[F5C01AG], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 23rd, 1911

Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Madeleine

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Deaths and funerals

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Akron Ohio Feb 22 1911

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

I am so sorry I have ben so long in answering your letter asking for A little advice from poor me I hope you will my long delay and pleas believe me when I tell you I am no advisiere but I do nead advice all the time I would tell every thing to you and ask advice but I am ashamed and sorry I am so much trouble all ready I feel both of us are between two fires as you say and it is very hard to keep from being burnt but every thing is so uncertain it is very hard to tell the right cours to take but I can tell you it is hard in your case

What is nearer to us as Mother as Son or
Daughter daughter it seems to me nothing ago
like A dear child then when dear Husband
is gone O how we do miss him no one
can take his place so it is very vey hard to
tell which one to leave but I had made
up my mind nothing but death would ever
seperate your dear Father and my self if
all were well nothing would seperate us
as A Family neither what is better or more
comforting than an lovely loving Family.
as far as your going over to Europe
dear Madelien I think it is all right as you
will want to get some things from there any
way if dear Mr Edison would like dear
Johny to stay with him I think he would rejoice
to do so but O how much more plesent if

all could go as was talked of some time
but I fear you will never get Mr Edison
started he is to ancious to excell it is hard
to leave A dear Husband one that has done
so much for all of us I dont know what
we would do or have done if Mr Edison had
not come to our help O when I think of your
dear Father at that time O how heart
broken he was it makes me weep to think
of that time I must not repeat for we have all
we can have all ready or now Well Marie wantes
to write A line so I will close with love and kisses

Fratather
Darling Mina It's been a long time that I've neglected
you but someway I keep thinking I'll feel more like
writing tomorrow and then tomorrow it's the same
story. I love you and sympathize with you dearie-
I know your heart is troubled and you don't know

what to do - there is really no use trying to advise so your own inner feeling is really the only guide - Just meditate and decide and you will find a whole load of your troubles roll off your back - Indecision is one heavy load. The little Mother I imagine has been giving you some comfort - poor darling - she thinks of you and Madeline all the time - she wants to write Madeline but says she does not know how. She keeps saying to me all the time - "I wonder if Madeline realizes what it means." - of course she can't. that comes only with the step taken.

Lewis & I go South Saturday evening 8 o'clock - you can't imagine how I dread to go. It will be so lonesome there too without you all - I can't understand why Lewis wants to go there with you all away. Thank you for the dear little valentine. It was sweet. John I imagine sent me one but the address was printed so I am not sure it came from him. I must write him. Meet us in Florida for a two weeks outing - I think that would be best for you all.

Love to each and every one of your darlings.

Your loving sister Mary.

Feb. 23 - 1911.

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[F5C01AH], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, May 4th, 1911

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[F5C01AH], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, May 4th, 1911

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Oak Place (Miller Family Home)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-05-04

Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Stocks, bonds, and investments
- Automobiles and trucks

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MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My darling Mother. It just seemed all wrong that you were not with me in that drawing room last night – If I had known that I had a drawing room and that everything was so easy and comfortable I would have urged you even at the last moment to have come with me. You are in my mind every minute. Now is the time to come to me for a nice visit. It is so beautiful now and every thing so quiet and peaceful.

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Madeleine is absorbed in her play, etc. and Thomas working every evening totally absorbed in his work. If you think you could be contented for a month or six weeks do let Lew take a drawing room and bring you right on – Grace can finish her work there and then come on later and finish out our visit together. I am sure that we can take care of you. Have Lew bring the hot-bottle-bag for the train. I did have such a sweet time dear and I know that I am stronger and better able to meet my little

annoyances for having had your sweet influence even for these few hours – there was a wonderful peace in my heart and mind all the time I was in dear old Oak Place with you and I am striving to hold on to it – The atmosphere of love is a blessed one to live in – When there is no doubting – I shall try to have faith and spread sunshine and be a true woman – You must help me, mother dear. Thomas says that we may go to Europe about the 20th of July for six weeks – What do you think of that? Also we are giving up all hopes of ever putting the Moon in order again so Thomas is talking about a Packard – I told him

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what Lew told us about the Thomas case. He is looking into the matter - Tell Lew to get busy and get his agent on here to see him. Lew was dear to me when home and I thank him for all his kindness. Gracie dear is a trump and I hope that she is getting on beautifully with all her work - Enclosed is a dividend that was awaiting me upon my return.

Must get ready for my guild.

Goodbye, dearie heart. Your loving
daughter - Mina.

May 4th, 1911.

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Title
[F5C01AI], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 7th, 1911

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-05-07

Type
Letter

Subject

- Purchases
- Automobiles and trucks

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May. 7. 1911

Dear Mina,

Your letter to Mother in which you said that Mr. Edison was thinking of buying a new Auto, and you told him to buy a Thomas was read to Mother by me. The Packard is all right but the Thomas is better for this seasion. The ~~Thomas~~ Packard people have been trying for some time to make a six cildner Auto, but it cost so much to exparment, that thay decided the ~~[illegible]~~ best way to do was to

get a good six cildner car by going in with what they thought was the best car make so they ~~ar~~ took the Thomas. Thay sent me 40 of thier best men to Buffalo this winter, and if you should go to the Packard and ask them or tell them you would like a six cildner they would tell you to go to the Thomas people thay make the best on the market.
All this is not known by the

~~puckkt~~ public so don't tell tails out of school.
Now if Thomas A. want a Thomas car I can get him one of the 1911 cars with four doors and every thing that goes with a full ac   for thirty five hundred dollars. $3500.00.
Mr. Jones has a new car and I know it is a good one for he took me this last week for a drive of one hundred and seventeen miles, and we only changed gears twice. We ~~w~~ went

at least one hundred and two 4

miles on first gear. Up and ~~down~~ down hills. Now if you want this car it will be cheaper than what he will pay in N.Y. Mr. Jones and I will run the car through to you, any time you wish. Have Thomas A. look at the Thomas car and see what they are like, and then let me know what he think of them. Let me know if you want this car. Mother send her love to you. Come again. Mother enjoyed your visit, as well as all of us.

With much love. Lewis A.

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[F5C01AJ], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 31st, 1911

Title
[F5C01AJ], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 31st, 1911

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-05-31

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Sales and service
- Automobiles and trucks

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

May 31. 11

Dear Mina:

I want to thank you for your encouraging letter and assure you that I prize your advice in regard to the wagon business. The last week I spent in Indianapolis Dayton & Columbus and sold one $9750.00 job to a good party in Indianapolis and made many good acquaintances & friends for the wagon who will be buyers later. Our trouble yet is lack of confidence, the Lead Battery having heretofore done so poorly. We are gaining rightly along and will hang on believing success will crown our Effort later on. The little light wagon is wanted and I am glad Mr Edison is making good progress that way— Bakery's, Laundry's, Ice Cream Fellows are calling for such wagons.

Glad to hear that you are going to get your European trip this summer and I wish you & all the happiest of all times.

Mother made us a call at [illegible] on Decoration Day so you see she is well and the rest of us are all well able to be around

Making ready for the family to spend the Summer at Chautauqua I believe its a good place for Cora + the girls they all seem to enjoy about alike and seem happy there

Make us another Akron visit soon, for these calls do Mother and all give us lot of good

With love to you all —

Ira.

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Title
[F5C01AK], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, June 8th, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Miller, John Vincent

Date
1911-06-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Travel (TAE and family)

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Well Dear your loving Mother kisses and love all your dear ones.

your Mother.

Akron Ohio Jun 8 1911

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

We received your long Telegram this morning but darling as no one is at home I hardly know how to answer it or write this letter but I will the first thing tell you your fine lot of silk Handchiefs has come to me and I do thank you for them but I fear Mr Edison would like some of them once in a while they are so good when one has a cold or some little trouble of any kind darling my pen is a little out of order but I hope you can

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read the letter I will write this
time I want you to know we received
the Telegram and the nice Hand chiefs
I do thank you for them and I aswant
you and your dear ones go to Europe
I think the best thing or way is for
you to Just fix things just as if
that was all to do and if Gracy
dear and I can be with dear Mr
Edison any time we will and have
every thing as you have mentioned
you go right on and do have a good
restful time dont let any thing trouble
you every thing will come right be
contented and wait for good I do
hope all are well and ready for
~~fo~~ any thing that may come.

Miss Elizabeth Roberson was Married
yesterday no one but the ones living
in the House and the Minister and
the Groomes Father and Mother witnessed
the Knot tyed Mrs Robberson sitting
in her chair dear woman I havent
heard how she is since the Marriage.
Lewis took Cora and Margaret up
to Chautauqua Monday morning Ma has
not come back yet Gracy is in Cleveland
with Miss Waymouth will be home Saturday
it may be I stayes with us at nights
Mrs Leake is hear also so you see
I have company but I can tell you
I do miss my dear ones but all will
be fixed right soon dear Johney will
stay with dear Mr Edison untill he starts

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donat wait for us go and have a good time

now I do hope he will go and let the work take care of its self donat let any thing stop this trip but sickness or death now is the time to go.
I am a going to stop as Mail time is near Mamie is fine she sent me her first readish it is cute only her first readish. I do hope you all are well and will go (except Frankie) and we will do the best we can to have good time but I cannot tell much or any thing until Gracy dear comes just as soon as she does we will let you know everything but you go on and do just as if we were not hear that is the best I think

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Title

[F5C01AL], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, June 10th, 1911

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Laucon, Louise X
- Blankenship, Georgia
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Colgate, Richard Morse
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Colgate, Margaret Auchincloss (Mrs Richard M.)

Date

1911-06-10

Type

Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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Glenmont.

My darling darling Mother. I think you are abused. Are you considering my telegram. Be sure to take a drawing room when you come and dont have more than two in it. It is very comfortable travelling that way- My going to Europe on the 24th of June is very unexpected as I had thought Charles would go with Madeleine and Mlle- Lancon but he has made other plans and as I am anxious to get Madeleine away I thought it my duty to take her especially as Thomas is now pretty much out of his deepest water and seems very well- I am hoping that John will be willing to be here during July until he sails Aug. second. Charles is coming over then with his father. Madeleine is not anxious to go and the Sloanes are certainly putting in good time. Madeleine is with them constantly and they are simply flattering her to the limit. oh, I am sick over the whole affair but if it is to be I am praying for grace but I am thinking that I have queered myself for fair with the Sloanes- I pay them no attention whatever and I fear me far from cont.

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with John. I am hoping that Madeline will see her mistake and understand herself better later on. We are certainly busy trying to get off and make ourselves agreeable as well. There are a number of things going on and it is simply baking today. It has been 90 in this sitting room today. The first of the week it was fine as it rained all the time and kept cool. It was a god send to me in trying to get ready- I sincerely hope that it will keep quite cool until the packing is done. Even after that for those who want it. I must say that hot weather is not my ideal as to weather.

Mr. & Mrs. Colgate and Miss Blankenship are coming in for dinner this evening and Thomas says that he is going out in the car just the same. He makes out that he is so abused if we ask him not to go that I have not the courage to keep him. How I dread to go and leave him behind but I am booked that way- Robert & Louise arrive on Thursday- Mrs. Gilliland wants us to come there for luncheon but I am going to try to get her to come here as they will not have time to go to Pelham Manor. Poor old Robert is not to have the postoffice it seems but he does not seem to regret it.

Ellen is coming for dinner tomorrow and we have children's day for which we have been busy preparing all day - There are so many things that come in when you are connected with any work - Sunday School and Guild keeps one pretty much on the jump.

I am glad that Mary is improving. I think she will soon be all right again. Poor girl, has had a seige of it.

Theodore does not seem to have been injured at all but seems very well - It certainly was a narrow escape. It was the little ice car and just one of the back wheels ran over the soft part of the stomach. His foot slipped off the step and he fell under the car. He was fooling while the car was in motion. Charles is pretty tired after his lecture work so he is going to rough it in the mountains of Arkansas until his father is ready to sail. Won't we be glad to see them!

I must go and tell them about

crushing the strawberries as they will soon be arriving—

Goodnight—mother darling—love to all at home— Lovingly Minnie,
June 10-1911.

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Title

[F5C01AM], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Lewis Alexander Miller to Madeleine Edison, Theodore Miller Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 20th, 1911

Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Monhegan Island (Maine)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1911-06-20

Type

Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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to go and when she want to come home I will come after her. Say goodbye to all the other ones.

With much love, Lewis

Akron Ohio June 20 1911

My dear Mina Madelian and Theodor

to the dear ones that are just ready to sail over the grate deep just a line of off good wishes and one of the best of times while on water and while sight seeing. I have just received a lovely letter from my dear Johney the dear one he thinkes I will not be in the way if we do get there before you sail but I some times think it better to wait as it makes confusion to have one come and annother go but I would love to see you and the dear ones that go with you but as dear Tracy talked she thought she could not get ready

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I can tell better when dear Gracy comes,
home, All send love and best wishes
in time she is in Cleveland now she
can tell better when she comes home
this eving we will telegraph when we start
O I do hope you all will have A grand
time keep well both on Water and land
and will be able to see all that is worth
seeing I hope you will meet dear Dot
if you do give her kisses and best wishes
and rember me to her Husband I hope both are
well and doing well O how glad she will
be to see all of you O what A happy
time it will be to meet again,
Now I do wonder if I can be of any
comfort to dear Mr Edison some times
I fear I will be more truble than good
but dear Johny and Gracy think it is
all right for me to be there now I dont

want to be in the way whatever to any one
This will be A lonesome house for A
while Celia wants to go to Chicago
next week for A while, I want to come
home soone as Mr Edison and dear
Charles sails I hope dear Johny can come
home or as far as Chautauqua with me
then Gracy can go to Mogoun with Maime
and miss Haymount then she can rest
and have A fine time she needs rest I
fear I am or will be A care to her,
I am so glad you had A good time with
dear Robbie and Louise I expect they are feeling
very ancious just now watching and listen-
ing with eager eyes and ears what an anci-
ous time I do hope he will do well I ought
to write A letter to him and his Father and

You see Lewis has taken a little room so as to
say good by so now I will just write my
best wishes and love and ask eachother to
kiss each for me in case I donot get there in
time to do so my self, I am ever so long ~~Moth~~
Mother I do hope to have a good time with
them this sumer at Oak place Eva and
Cora with Margiet and Elsibatt will be at
Chauqwat all sumer they are well Eva took
dinner with us this noon,
Dear Mina just drop all truble and have
a good time take good care of each other
and let little things take care of them selves
pleas tell dear Johny I will answer his
lovely letter when I or we see him,

Dear Mina, Goodbye. I hope
you will have a fine time, and
all things turn out the way you
would like. Mother does not
know what to do, but I tell her
over

PS What do you think of having thess Pamphlets for the whole Sunday School I will get them for ours and you for yours, pleas tell me. Love and kisses to you and each one.

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Title
[F5C01AN], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 21st, 1911

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Baker Motor Vehicle Co
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Halle Bros Co

Date
1911-06-21

Type
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Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Competition and market structure
- Automobiles and trucks

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

June 21. 1911

Dear Mina:

Spent the day yesterday with Mother at Oak Place and much did we talk about you and the fine trip you are about to take. I wish you much joy and comfort and know that Madeline Theodore will enjoy it and learn much. To bad Thomas and Charles cannot go right along now and make one good family trip. But a little is better than none. Mina much do I appreciate the letters you have recently written me and I am holding on with the strong hope that affairs will bring profit & fruit before long. Was Halle Bros today to sell them four more cars but was sent home without order only answer Miller you are to high I am disappointed Must think the matter over further. The Baker Co and Grabowsky are my chief competitors. Good Bye Happy time to you all — Ira M. — 11-5962

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Title
[F5C01AO], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Theodore Miller Edison, Madeleine Edison, June 29th, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-06-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)

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enough to kiss lips to lips I will ask you let your dear
Mother kiss you for me and I am sure you would rather
have her kiss than mine darling I hope there never
be kisses sweeter than your dear Mothers we may lip
but love is deeper and more lasting. please accept thanks
and respects and best wishes [illegible] June 28 1911
from your Grand Mother
for the Handkerchiefs My dear Nina Madeline & Theron
and many other [illegible]
How are this bright Beautiful June
nice remembrances, from Grand Mother
morning only a few more days in this
beautiful month then comes the warm July
but at the same time beautiful things in it,
I trust you all are well doing and enjoy
ing the scenery of the East no doubt but
there are many things you will see that you
never thought of but that is one great reason
we go over there for is to see and learn,
Well Darling I am in the dear little room you
have so kindly and lovingly have made
ready for me I do enjoy it it seemes like
home to me but as yet I havenot slept hear

I am A going to ask each one to kiss each other everyday
for me with best wishes and love I also wish you would
dear ones. well good by I am loving Mother
yet as they all think it is to warm but I come
in hear to dress and un dress because it is warm
dear Mr Edison is as usial calls and huges
off to his work but once has he complained
of the stomach he was out for dinner with
some men but in the moning he was all right
as usial he is A dear good Man you should
be glad of him I do hope you and dear Madeline
and little Theoder are glad and will do all they
can to pleas and cheer him there dear Father
Gracy and I was at Mrs uptons for Lunching
and we had A very plesant time every thing
was so nice in every way after we come
home Mrs Doctor Beaumont with one little Girl
called that was very plesant for I do think it is
lonesome to come home and be alone at first Johny
took dinner with us then he and Mr Miller

kiss dear Lot and her Husband for me I am
sure you will have A grand time while with those two
went out to call. you see every thing is About
the same only we do miss in all wees and
dear little Snow bright he goes from one room
to another serching for someone and gets tired
then lays down and tryes to sleep but he thinks
he hears someone up he jumps hoping it
may be my dear little Theader the one he thinks
no one like him. it pleses Gracy to hear Mr
Edison say you Blessed boy it shows he thinks
of dear little Theoder she thinks I think Mr Edison
loves his Family and I do hope they love there
dear Husband and Father and they will do all
they to make life plesant for him.
Little Charles is visiting someplace he
was well when he left us Tuesday moning he
is A dear darling also now my darling I
want you to be glad and thankful you are worth so much

We had A good letter from Dear Mamie also one from Robbie and Louise also one from Lewis all good because all toled us They were well and every thing moving along all rigt it is true every thing moves along seeming all rigtt but at the same time you dear ones are missed I can tell you so. Now I received A letter returned from Akron and in it was two very pretty handchiffes for me and they were from my dear little Theoder for A while I had to study how that was then I made up my mind he had sent them to Akron for me and as I left they were sent back hear to me now witt all that traveling and changeing I have them safe and all rigtt and I want to thank and kiss you for them bott are fine as I am not

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Title
[F5C01AP], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Madeleine Edison, Theodore Miller Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 11th, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Grace A

Date
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Type
Letter

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- Travel (TAE and family)
- Labor

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Orange NJ July 11, 1911,

My darling Nina Madelian and Hester

I will write just A line to each of you dear ones this time as it is so warm I cannot hold my hand still enough to make the lines as they should be it realy is warm just now but we as A house hold are keeping well and trying to be as contented and happy as we can but who can be that perfectly when one sees so many dear ones are so far from us O we do miss day and night and in every room and place we go but with all of this we hope you all are well and enjoying your selves the best you can among strangers and so far from A lovely home as this it is Beautiful hear I am in my dear little room trying to write just A few lines to you the wind comes dear Gracy will write and I will write soon again if it cools A little, We would love to hear from you often as time and strength will let you write.

in once in A while and cooles us A little I do wonder if it is as warm there where you are I do hope not it would be very hard to go around much, we are all well that are hear dear Charles with A friend left wek Sunday for Arkansas dear one I fear it is hot there and will be very hard for him or them.

dear I do think you have A very nice class of workers each one goes on just as reglare as if some one was watching and directing all are so kind and good to us every thing as far as I know is all right but we do miss you my dear Mina all will be glad to have you home again dear Gracy is A going to write to so she will tell you things I donot know about as she is around more than I we have ben to church and have called on A few so every thing is very plesant and home like dear Johny comes in evry ving that helpes to cheer and make evry thing right. we had A letter from home every thing seemes to be in order there also Cora and Margaret wrote to us they say Chanqua is full it is A grate year there Leewins spent the Fourth there with them Lelia is in Chicago so you see Oak place is nearly empty of the Millers family.

Now I will close hoping you and dear ones are having the best of A time dear Dot have you meet her yet dear one pleas give her my very best wishes are respects also her Husband I so hope both are well I am sure they will be glad to see you dear ones I will now ask you to pleas except my very best of wishes and respects and kisses I am your loving Mother thanks for this lovely time.

tell little Theodore his pets are all safe and doing well

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Title
[F5C01AQ], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Madeleine Edison, Theodore Miller Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 17th, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values

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Lunch is over and Mr's Bruch is in the sitting room reading, now I am glad hear is Dear Gracy she is just home from New York I have just had a bath and dressed for time we are all ready for the evening meal as usual I do hope you have good things to eat also, darling the more I look around you lovely home the more I feel proud of you I do think you are a good house keeper every thing has a place and every thing in it and clean.

Orange NJ July 17 1912

My dear darlings Mina Madelian Theodore.

O how glad I would be to see all of you this Beautiful moring it is quite cool and very plesant this moring and I have just come in from taling Gracy and Mrs Docter Hawant to station as they are going to New York now while I am waiting for Mrs Bruch to come in I will try and write a few lines to you my dear ones. I am glad I can tell you we are all well and little Snowbright is well and enjoyed his ride with us this moring he is so very nice he will sit on the front seat and

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look around as much pleased as any one can be he is A fine little felow but I do think he misses his little master very much. He goes from room to room looking for that dear little Boy that used to play and take so much care of him but he with all of us are doing as well as a flock can with out A leader it seemes we have to have a leader let us do what we may or be where we may there must be A Head and leader in every thing and they are missed when absent,

I do hope every thing growes more lovely every day and the time is shortened by scenery and workes of Nature I am most sure all of you will be glad of this most delightful time I am so glad all keep well both with you there and all of us here dear Mr Edison is just as when all were here full

of study day and night he is very ancious about A certain peace as usial he thinks it must be right before he can feel all right. I think the Hot weather affected all of us very much but now it is quite cool and dear Mina is A darling little room it is warm and bright I keep it for my resting place I sleep in dear Madeleines room but stay or keep this dear place for when I want to be alone and have A good home rest, Well here is Mrs Bruch and A young Man that come with Mrs Bruch to take af her he goes back after Lunch that is ready now Mrs Bruch seem so much better than I expected to see her it seemes it cannot be her it is wonderful how poorly one can be and get better yes some times better than before Well well I must go to Lunch O how I wish we could eat it to gether but I am glad we are all well and having good times any way.

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Title
[F5C01AR], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Theodore Miller Edison, Madeleine Edison, July 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-07-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Religion and spirituality

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by older ones the dear Father would come in
often and if he did not see Snow Bright he would
say where is Logey Edison and when we would
be eating he would give him something to eat also
we could see every day he missed his little son
as well the others dear Mina you have a good
loving Husband O do give up all Idle and thought
and enjoy him and your dear Children we know
not how soon the
silver Cord may Akron Ohio July 1911 Come ever
be Broken) My dear Mina Madelian and Theodore your loving

How glad I would be if I new really how
each one was if well and having the best Sister
time of there lives I do hope this is your
great position and now while your
reading these lines if dear ones can make
us feel any better can cheer and chase
all truble from us you and are enjoying
this now you have dear Husband and Son
dear Madelian and Theodore there dear Father
and Brother with them O what a precious
time all to gether enjoying the handy

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workes of Man and God the one that controlitt all things nothing coulde we do witt out help from on high.

Well Phillip Vincent Johny and dear Gracy and Loving yes Ira and Cara we were all at church to hear the Bishop he gave us A fine yes A good sermon the house was full every one nearly shook hands witt us dear Gracy and I was Away so long and dear Johney being witt us seemed to draw all to us

the Bishop dear Louies Robbert & yes Eddie also witt Mr Lewis took dinne witt us all to gether the day has all most past and we have hardly realised how the time has past I am trying to write now to you because I want

this to go witt dear Johny so he can give it to your darling so you can. know know I did and rember and think of you all the time and wish you all the pleasures of this life not only now while over there but when you come home and all through your life whether it be long or short now my dear witt my missing you and the other dear ones witt you I must say I and have A good and fine time every one so very kind and every thing so clean and plesent realy

I cried coming home Mrs Burch was witt us and Mr Carson was so kind and plesent all the time dear Johny was witt us good deal of the time well I can not begin to tell the good time for it was good and plesent all the time but witt all the pleasure we did Miss I dear one that is so far from us dear little Snow Bright he missed his little Master but he was remembered

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Title
[F5C01AS], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, August 10th, 1911

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- King, Mary Hopkins (Mrs Goodman)
- Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Sloane, George
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- King, Goodman
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-08-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Foreign affairs

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BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

My darling, darling mother. How shall I write! I am in a daze and I cannot believe that I have been rightly informed, *it just seems impossible* - Poor, old Robert gone! How can it be true! Again you have tried to spare me, I know, not having had one word from any of you concerning the awful tragedy - By mail this morning I had a letter from Anna Carlisle and she little thought that I knew nothing of it. All you poor dears at home have been having this great sadness all the time that I have been going about enjoying all ~~that~~ that was new to me in the old world. It makes me more

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than ever anxious to have the time pass until we get home. I feel too far away and until I received the telegram about three o'clock that Thomas and Charles would arrive at six I could hardly contain myself as we expected them somewhat last evening upon our arrival here and met the steamer that arrived again at two today. They were not on it nor did we have any message. Getting the news from Anna it made me very nervous about Charles and his father. Trusting in the old adage "no news is good news" can never be quoted to me again. Poor dear Louise and those three children! A broken hearted family! Everyone so devoted and each so individual but making a beautiful whole. How can it be? Even now I am hoping that there

is some great mistake. It cannot, must not be! Another of our dear ones called! But darling you know that he was pure and beautiful, one of God's chosen, so that, I know, is a comfort to you. A brave, grand soul gone to rest! I am so thankful that I have his letters to read over. He gave me so many words of encouragement and the right way to live, an example of fortitude and strength for us all. I cannot believe that he has gone! Poor grand brother! How thankful I am for that tiny visit just before he went to New Haven but how I regret that I did not stretch one more point and spend those few days in New Haven with them. How grateful we all are that he saw Jr. receive his honors and under such happy auspices. When Thomas and Charles arrive I am hoping to hear full particulars of everything.

but I shall wait impatiently for news from you - It is not the same from any source but from the "old home". Dear old home! One more bright star taken from the circle. Jr. wrote that his father was ill but was better and I never for a moment thought of its being anything so serious. Oh, how I wish that I might have sent him one message of love while he was lying there suffering but I trust that his suffering was not great. Darling brother! We shall miss him, oh, how we shall miss him! But darling dont you grieve, keep well sweet-heart! Oh, dont get sick. I feel that I want to come right home but my poor darling is just arriving and needs the rest or change so I it may be best to remain with him - I will see when he comes at the longest it will be but six weeks longer but it makes me shudder to think what the past six weeks brought - If only you all will keep well - Never did I feel more keenly the distance and great separation. I have done my duty by my children in the European line which releases me from any further obligations in that line. When they will have had a little time with their father in Europe then that is all I ask in that line. It is a bad time of the year however for any great doings but I think enough attention to have them realize that their father is to be respected. Madeleine has gone down to the market now to buy some flowers for our rooms in order that they may look bright upon the arrival of our darlings— While we were watching the passengers disembark this morning looking for our loved ones, Mr. King, of St. Louis, was among the number. It seemed strange to see him there, the only one in that sea of faces whom we knew. He is over doing his buying and May is at Biddeford Pool, Maine, with her mother and father. A much better place in my estimation. It is so hot here and has been very warm where we have traveled for the last three weeks. I am hoping that the hot wave will break soon for it is a hardship to motor in the hot sun. Theodore is down in the sea taking a bath with the chauffeur.

This is really our first day of giving ourselves over to perfect rest since we left the steamer. We can do nothing but wait for the steamer to arrive so we are doing the things that we have wanted to do for a long time. I little thought that when I did write it would be with such news. It seems impossible!

Our stay in Paris was interesting as we saw all or many of the points of interest and were very comfortable indeed. Mrs. Cozzens, Marie and George Sloane were at the hotel so we saw a great deal of them. We met a Mrs. Millet who was very delightful. She was travelling in a motor with her son, who was 21. Roughing it and having a grand time with him as grand as she could under the circumstances considering that she had just lost during the winter another son 23. The two brothers were very near to each other. She had lost her husband too, a short time before I think it was. It was sweet to see the mother and son such companions. I hope to have dear. Know the son some time. He was very nice.

We shall probably start off tomorrow on our trip through the Chateau Country and if you will all just keep well, I shall find it interesting but the rest of my trip, short or long will have the tinge of the sadness that has come to us all. Don't any of the rest of you get sick - Be extremely careful! Oh, I wish Papa dear had had his trip and that we could go home - We are all homesick but are waiting to see what there is to be seen before going home. Just keep well and all will be well - I am so afraid that you will grieve and make yourself sick, mother dear. Remember to keep well for the rest of us. You

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DIGUE DE MER
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

have no strength in this hot weather remember dearie mother so must take things most quietly - Rest thoroughly every day and dress to keep cool not for looks. How I wish I had you right here this very moment. I long for you one and all. Darling Grace must have her hands and heart full as you probably have the family with you - I do hope that Mary dearie is well enough to help but I know that she must not do much I wish this might hasten her recovery - Sometimes a terrible shock will help nervous troubles Poor darling she will feel it so keenly I am so anxious about you all - Please write me just

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exactly how things are - It seems terrible to have been here when all were so worried never know a thing about it all the time. You spoke of going to Chautauqua but I thought it got too hot for you in Orange. You poor dears! What shall I do? I feel as though I should come to you all and on the other hand here is my little family here and Thomas seems far from well - He has such a cold. I am trying to doctor him. Please write and let me know how you all really are. Dont keep any thing from me - Cable me if there is any thing wrong in the least. Dont keep me in the dark. It makes me so anxious for fear that you are keeping some thing all the time - I feel as though I must fly home - Please take good care not to get sick. I don't even know whether Edith is married or not. No letters have come for such a long time.

Well darling I must write to Louise and the three poor little dears. How they are suffering I know. I am anxious about you all and to think I cannot get an answer to this for a month seems too much. It is too far away to really thoroughly enjoy one's self. Letters are so few I hardly feel that I know at all the condition of things.

It is hot, hot so I suppose that we shall have a hard ride today. It is the hottest it has been since 1830 Marion writes. We have not sent Marion yet but will soon.

With love, love, love to you and all –

Lovingly Mina.

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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller (Lewis) Cottage
- Miller, Robert Anderson

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Darling hoping all are well and strong and, having good times I will close Thanking Dear little Theoder for his sympathey such a lovely letter it means a grate deal of love and best wishes I do thank him for it

Your loving Mother.

Akron Ohio Augest 20.1911

My Dear Mina Mr Edison and the Dear Three Madelian Charles and Theoder.

I do wish we new just how all of you are just now but yes we all will try and feel contented and believe all are well and having good times and Dear Dot and her Husband are with you and all are enjoying the best of a time together. O how plesent and good to meet if we donot see each other and talk to gether we soon begin to grow cold and and carless of each other we must go oft to the nabors or visit often our frien ds a we forget the true warm feeling

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we once had what A grand thing
it is we can write to each other and
help in so many kind and cheerful
and Loving words we can heal help heal
so many Broken and sad Heartes I am
glad we can cheer dear Louies now in
this our Grate loss we all feel and
realise her feelings for we feel the same
but O not quite so much dear Mina dear
I donot beleive there is any one like
A dear Loving Husband one that loves
and shares all the losses and troubles
of this life and he will work night and
day to help keep every thing moving in
the right way to have to give up such
A dear one is like taking your life
til nothing ever seemes right again

Dear Louies and Children we are
in hopes they will come and spend A
few days with us at Oak place but
not sure as yet but I do think Louies
ought to rest and I think she will
enjoy the coming Winter better if she
comes home and goes over and sees
our dear Robbie is safe with his
Father sisters and Brothers
you are all together what A Happy
thought to always have with you we
miss them and it is A great Loss to us
but it is there gain.
My dear ones we have meet with
annother loss of annother kind but
we as A Family and Methodist feel it
very much Our dear old Church

pleas kiss dear Dot for me and give my best wishes
and thanks her Loving Grand Mother 4

Burned down yesterday it made A
Grand fire but sad for us to look
at we will send the clipping but no
dout but long before this gets to you
you will know all About it evey thing
flys these days yes even our dear
ones fly you migtt say for before we
new or thougtt of any one being Ill evi
na dear Robbert had left us just A
day or two before he left he was at A
party and Marget told us they were A
having grand times at the Cottage little
did we have a think such A word
would come to us that morning we recev
ied the sad newes This life left him very
quick.

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Title

[F5C01AU], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, September 1st, 1911

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Clark (Edison Family Chauffeur)
- Pulitzer, Joseph
- Oeser, Eugenie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Oeser, Hermann
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Valentine, Edward Abram Uffington

Date

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RAGAZ
J. Kienberger, Director.

My darling mother.

I cannot begin to tell you of the wonders of this trip. As I have said before it is as though I were in a dream. I cannot believe that it is ourselves whirling along over mountain and valley, seeing all these countries which we have so long, long studied, read and heard of. It is wonderful!

We expected to have Marion and Oscar with us for some time now but just as they were about to start they received a telegram from Oscar's mother that his father had suddenly died so he had to go to her. Marion's face was troubling her so she did not go nor could

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she come to us. Now we are expecting Marion today but Oscar has to go to his mother again. Our car is comfortably full now as it is not very wide and we are six but Theodore dearie will have to sit in the middle of the back seat. It is going to be a little more tiresome but I am hoping that it is not to mar our beautiful time. I am really dreading the change but still hoping for good to come of it. I hope nothing will occur to hurt my darling husband. He needs all sunshine about him. There is one thing that may happen. Marion's face being sore she may object to an open car and we may be able to take a seat in a closed car that is following us - I will tell you about it: You know Roosevelt had some reporter following him everywhere and telling all they knew about him and more too. Well, Mr. Pulitzer of the World thought that Thomas must have the same so he has sent a Mr. Valentine on our trail - One day we saw an Auto. keep just about the same distance from us all the time, if we stopped that would disappear and reappear again when we started. We had more fun trying to dodge that car not knowing then what it meant - In the evening we stopped at some small place as it became to late

to go on to Aix les Bains and this car was discovered by Charles or Theodore in the same garage - When we started in the morning, it did the same - We made a move which lost him but that night he had found us again and the Auto. was in the same garage - Theodore reported a man with a red beard, detective, and various other ideas were expressed but after three or four days we found that it was this reporter, Valentine. He had wanted Thomas to tell him where he was to go (but Thomas avoided him) So, that he might know every day our moves he took a limousine and is having a chase - He says he has had to go without his meals and his chauffeur is as keen as himself about keeping us in sight - In the morning he will come in to Mr. Valentine when he sees Clark busy getting our car ready to go out and says they are going; they are going! and they both collect their things in haste and are ready to start - Mr. Valentine begs us to let him know our route, etc. But we all say that we do not know ourselves which we do not as sometimes we change over night - Thomas has given him our general plan but that

does not satisfy him - He wants to be right on hand in case we go over some cliff or something. We got into a tight place one day and had to be pulled out by oxen & a horse. Evidently the papers reported an accident as Thomas received telegrams of inquiry - I told Mr. Valentine day before yesterday that he would have to be sure to keep the car in sight every moment or he would miss out on some sensational news. He begged to have Charles write him yesterday but Thomas would not consent as he thought some tire delay or something would happen to keep us waiting and he wants nothing to interfere write our doing just exactly as the spirit moves - Marian may prefer it on account of her face and it will make things a little more comfortable - Oscar was to bring a car of his own but when he could not come immediately we thought Marian could come alone and we would squeeze in a little more - Riding all day in a crowded way may make us all very tired but it may work out all right - If the mental attitude is right everything else will move I think.

All my babies are still sleeping while I am writing but I woke early and thought of my little mother and her darlings at

home - All of you are almost constantly in my mind - I never see a beautiful thing but that I long to have you all see the same - We are just on the border line between Switzerland & Austria - Tomorrow we shall enter the Austrian Tyrol which friends have told us is most beautiful. We are expecting a wonderful treat but I cannot see how it will surpass that which we have seen in grandeur.

We are all well this morning & it is a beautiful day - As we were going up the Jungfrau the other day we saw an Avalanche of snow. It was a beautiful sight & unusual - I see in the stores just where Jane bought so many of the pretty things at home - I can read her fascination in it all - I keep picturing her travels of the many years ago - How many times I wish that we might compare notes when we get back. It just seems as though all those dear ones must be there. Yes, dear Louise, must be frightfully lonely - I think that they are an unusually loving family - they will all miss that dear, old philosopher, for such was Robert - I cannot realize that he has gone, everything seemed so bright and prosperous when he was last at the house - I cannot bring myself to believe that that happy circle is broken. Letters from home seems so scarce but I was greatly relieved in the last mail to have one from you as I was beginning to feel afraid that you were ill - Several times I wanted to cable but Thomas assured me that Grace or Lewis would cable if anything was wrong so I again waited for the next mail which brought your letter - I had nothing for such a long time. We expect mail here again but it has not come from Paris as yet. It may today.

Love and kisses to you, one and all -

Lovingly Mina.

September 1st 1911.

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Valentine, Edward Abram Uffington

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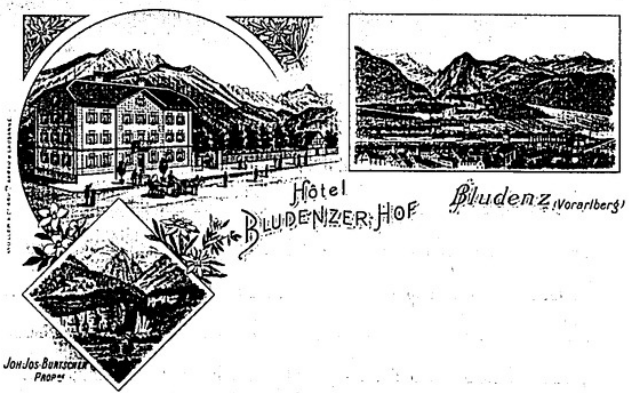

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Bludenz (Vorarlberg)
JOH. JOS. BURTSCHER
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My darling Mother.

This is a station we never counted upon but the reporter, who is following us in an Automobile became suddenly ill yesterday and we had to turn nurses, etc. He is better again today fortunately but we have lost two days through the transaction. We call it pretty hard luck when it is something we have tried to avoid ever since we started on the trip. Unfortunately Thomas consented to

Charles riding in the car with him yesterday after refusing all this time. It may have been a fortunate thing however as I imagine had he been alone he would have died as he was extremely nervous. He would have died through sheer fright, I think. Poor Thomas has tried his best to escape all reporters and to think this man has persistently followed us and we have had this experience is really amusing. We have all come to pity him now as it is such up hill work for him to get any thing worth while to send back and he goes at it in a gentlemanly sort of way - His illness has made us all feel ready to help him as

much as possible as he has made out a hard life and we have not the heart to refuse him any thing now.

We are just about to start on again. He is better and will probably be all right now. He took an over dose of strychnine(?) in order to keep himself going (as he is not strong) not the over dose, but strychnine. This is Sunday but no one would ever know it as we are situated.

They are ready to start so goodbye. We are away over here in Austria now and it seems like a dream.

Love to all - Mina.

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A

Date
1911-09-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Foreign affairs
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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My darling Mother.

We are all eagerly counting the hours when we shall board the great steamer Amerika for home. Our trip has been a wonder on the whole but our misfortune in causing the death of a little boy has made us quite unhappy about motoring. It was not the chauffeur's fault as the little fellow ran directly in front of our car and accidently fell. He had club feet it seems and was an illegitimate child the mother not being greatly grieved as he was a great care -

Poor little fellow probably had a hard time and had always had a hard time which makes it a mercy that he could go but the horror of our being the cause is most nerve exhausting. Poor little Madeleine has been greatly unstrung but seems better this morning - It is such a pity this had to happen just at the end of our wonderful summer - We are praying that nothing else will take place and that we shall land safely in New York the first week of October. We are all homesick - I am glad that Charlie escaped this last - We start in a half an hour for Dresden, then Berlin on our way to Hamburg. Our ~~stops~~

at these various cities are about one day long so you can imagine how much we are seeing of each city however we get a little idea of each.

Madeline cannot be persuaded to remain in Italy but says that maybe in the winter she will return again with Aunt Grace - That will be fine we shall see - She is too homesick to insist upon her remaining as I am afraid it would do her no good and might possibly get sick - It is better that we all keep together.

Well, dearie, I am writing in haste with people in and out so thoughts are scattered.

Good morning Lovingly - Mina

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Clark (Edison Family Chauffeur)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Bergmann, Sigmund
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-09-22

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Deaths and funerals
- Foreign affairs
- Social customs, norms, values
- Crime and justice

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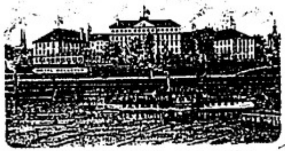

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John Please forward

Dresden: Sept. 22-1911-

My darling Mother and Grace.

This seems to be a summer of awful tragedies which should have been one of great rejoicing - To think our Edward is again one of us and we are happy in knowing and being with Oscar and Marion is indeed a great joy - Your prayers, mother darling, being answered as the sweetness of unity is realized - Both Oscar and Marion are very happy and the only regret I have is that we did not see them in their own home - Thomas was so anxious to move on to the Tyrol country thinking of course that all that was necessary was to see Marion as she was to travel with us - They had

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all manner of things prepared for our pleasure and it would have been a fine thing for Madeleine - Alas, she is just as much in favor of John as ever - I suppose I am weak not to insist upon her remaining longer, Marion would love to have her, but she is so homesick, actually have lost ten to fifteen pounds that I cannot bring myself to insist upon her accepting the invitation. If anything should happen to her what misery for all - Since the day we had the misfortune of running over the little boy she has been most sadly upset. It was a terrible thing but not at all our fault - We were going very slowly through the town but there were two or three children playing in the middle of the way - Clark blew his horn, they started to run to one side the little boy last and he thinking that he could do better by turning and going to the other side did so but fell, oh, the horror of it - Clark could not pull up in time to avoid him. So the awful thing happened - the little fellow had died just - We were arrested of course and taken to a hotel that seemed more like a prison than any thing else although everybody was most kind to us knowing that we were not to blame - All sympathized with us but had to hold us for proof - Clark was taken to the police station for the night and the next morning the officers started upon all the witnesses - They thought that we could get on to Nürnberg by ten o'clock, which was but a half hour's ride, the point of our destination but ten came and they still were examining witnesses promising relief by one, then three or four, really getting off at five thirty - A day of torture and harassing thoughts - Poor little Madeline being able to understand a little more German than the rest of us, as Oscar & Marion did not arrive for two hours and a half after the accident,

Did not know this until I turned the page.

they riding in the other car, had to do all the talking with the police etc. It was a terrible strain upon her and it made me sick to be so helpless - We did all we could for the little fellow & begging some one in the crowd to get a doctor but being no one but peasants they stood like blocks not understanding one thing I tried to ask them. Oh, it was awful! Madeline in the meantime ran to the village a short distance ahead bringing back the police & doctor. Too late, the little fellow must have died instantly - Owing to their knowing that Madeline could understand German she had to go as witness from our car - They let us off showing really great mercy as ordinarily each one would have had to testify. You cannot imagine the great feeling of relief when they said that Clark could go on with us and we were clear of fault - Our trip has been but one thought since - the strain and horror. Owing to all this I cannot bear to worry Madeline more - She says that maybe she will come back in the winter. Perhaps there is some hidden purpose in it all that we cannot see - While we are going through all this you at home were having that ~~bra~~ heart-breaking

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Dresden.

Experience as it must have used you all up to see that blessed work of our father being burned to the ground — How strange that it must be; In the midst of all these buildings ~~[illegible]~~ hundreds of years one cannot see why that monument had to be taken — Thomas is calling to me to get things collected as he wants to move on to Berlin today — None of us want to go but Bergmann & his wife came on yesterday & Thomas is anxious to get into the whirl of excitement as Berlin promises to be — We are devoted to Dresden — It is peaceful and beautiful —

Theodore has used all this paper

and it is too early to ask for more — forgive this sheet it is all I have —

Must dress & pack.

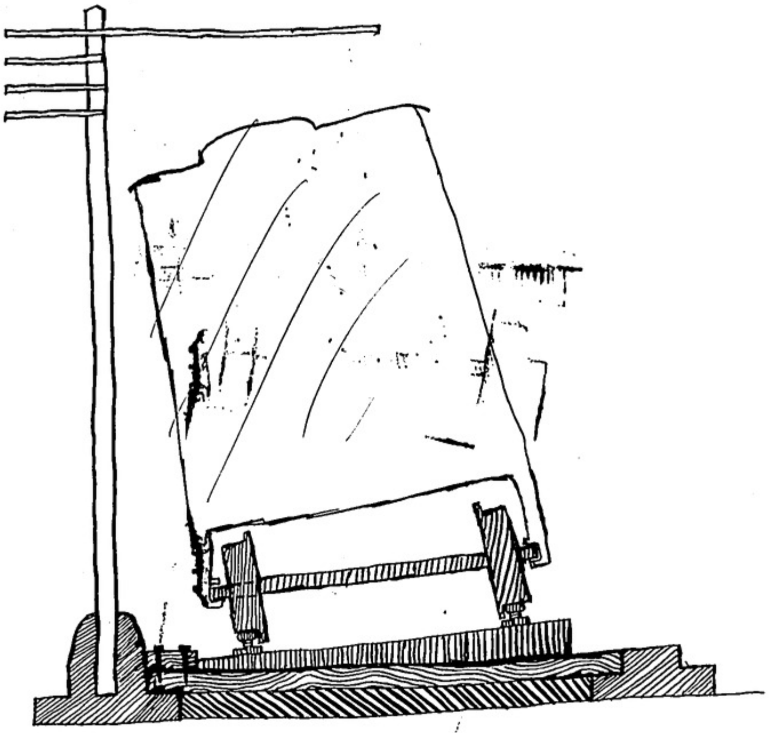
Keep well, we sail Thursday Sept. 28, by the Amerika. We all hope that nothing will happen to prevent our taking the steamer — We are all holding our breath —

Love & kisses and thanks for letters — Lovingly Minnie.

P.S. Please forward this to Mother, John dear, I was intending to write to you but Thomas wants me to pack & move on to Berlin. It has not helped Madeleine out in taking a motor trip — Oscar & Marion both say ~~that~~ she should have had music, wine and men.

Love & kisses — Minnie.

Thank you for your ~~[illegible]~~



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Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily

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good keep them busy for a while, but next
summer vacation they can spend hear with us
and see the Ohio Country. Please thank dear
Charles for calling to see

[illegible] Akron Ohio Dec 29 1911

for me and thought dear son
calling on day. Dear Mina & Edison. I can saying when home he is
come to see us & I'm over anxious. I feel as if I'm going
I want to tell you
not there to
we do miss you your visites are so short we
hardly know you are hear and off you go
but I can tell you dear Mina and Mr Edison
I am glad we did have as long a time
with you as we did I did enjoy your kind
and loving words and smiles they did make
me feel younger and more like living I do
believe kind words and smiles from a dear
one that is with you makes you feel younger and
better in every way it seems to me I can see
dear Johney's and dear Charles smiles
and hear his loving voice they left us a

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Monday moring and all well and had Breakfast but Gracy she is nearly ready. Pleas kiss dear Madelian
for me litt dear I hope she will come and make us a visit this was a call but I do thank God for the call [illegible] to have
years ago will it is nearly dear the time [illegible] made them [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] things one may
we sitt aroune is the Family [illegible] wit have a [illegible] of [illegible] in this church
[illegible] Ladies and [illegible] so many things [illegible] and I am so glad now and dear [illegible]
of different [illegible] [illegible] so usefull and [illegible] enjoy them the kind of the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for me to receive it was a time I never [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible]
will forget on acount of the [illegible] of Woman [illegible] it is woman [illegible] with have
being witt so many of my dear ones and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]
of there respect and [illegible] in your [illegible] [illegible] woman can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
thank you dear ones [illegible] that time not that [illegible] witt one that [illegible] woman if right
[illegible] out for the many very many times [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] to man [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] today
had [illegible] flowers of [illegible] [illegible] they are [illegible] so beautifull [illegible] [illegible]
I trust these lines will find every dear [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but not
one well and enjoying the time as it swiftly so [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
passes by I am so glad your reception [illegible] [illegible] a Boat and [illegible] [illegible] ride
was a grand sucess I was sure it would Gracy went witt me to church for that I am
[illegible] and I did feel sorry if the Ladys should [illegible] now she and Mr [illegible] are Boat riding
be disapointed in not meeting you it would Lewis is taking [illegible] [illegible] out in his Otto

Rachial made it quite very nice [illegible] for 4
Louie instead of cake for his Birthday, to
day we had what I wanted which was very nice it
was chicken pie it was good to
I have just [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] Writing
is not much better than [illegible] [illegible]
I think I will send you dear mamie's letter
you can read it better than I can write
dear Louie I am sorry for her but it was
better [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] to come [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I do hope [illegible] [illegible]
strong [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
ways [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what I
write I must get a new one or get this fixed.
Please thank Mr Edison for letting you and dear
Madelian come to see us I hope he will take pity
on us and come to see us too I do hope he will come
some time dear Charles and Theodor [illegible]

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values
- Military

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LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mister.

Just a line before I retire but I feel that it must be short as I want to get in a little needed sleep. Things having been moving for the past ten days and some way it makes me very tired. I cannot but realize that time is flowing and it makes me a little depressed. I suppose I am foolish and too young to be talking such nonsense but I cannot take on years gracefully. Your letters have been darling

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Mother dear and I did have such a sweet visit but altogether too short. I am coming out some time and stay a week. Do you think that you can stand me for a week?

Yesterday the Woman's Exchange met up here for their Annual meeting - There were about 150 women, more than have been before when they met at the Club and all said that they never had a better meeting - Every body seemed to take on a new interest in the Exchange and seemed to enjoy being in a home. There is so little of that now. Homes simply seem to be a place to sleep these days and I for one think it a pity -

Darling you are such a blessing - It makes me feel less forlorn when I have had a little communion with you. I am glad Gracie dear went to church with you and I hope that she will keep up the good work - It was hard work to leave you all as the time did seem so short. Tomorrow Papa wants me to go with him to see the Fleet on the Hudson river and then take in the dinner in the evening at the Waldorf - I would rather be whipped than go to the Waldorf dinner - He is getting gay and I am getting old - He would not go when I was younger and had a little better looks but now that I am a worn out specimen he wants to go - He is at the laboratory now and John, Madeline, Marie Coggins, and John Sloane have gone over to see the illumination of the Fleet. They wanted me to go but I feel that I cannot keep up the pace. I suppose Mary is sailing today you forgot to enclose her letter. Well darling a goodnight kiss and a God bless you all -

Lovingly Mina.

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Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Mentioned

- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Twombly, Hamilton McKown
- Goodrich, Mary Gellatly (Mrs Charles C.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Twombly, Hamilton McKown, Jr
- Twombly, Florence Vanderbilt (Mrs Hamilton M.)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Deaths and funerals
- Cylinder recordings
- Disc recordings

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother, Grace and Sis.

Madeleine, Marie Cozzens and the "two Johns" got the supper tonight and now they are washing the dishes while Theodore is changing cylinders for Thomas here in the Den. He is testing out those that he wishes to take for his new Disc machine. I am listening while writing to you blessed ones. How I do love you all and miss you! I wish that you were nearer so that we might see one another every day - I feel so robbed of you all - Mary has cabled that she will remain with Louise. Poor dearie, I am afraid that she will become very homesick. We shall have to write to them often. Thomas and I went up to Mrs. Twombly's in Madison today for

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luncheon. She said informal luncheon and we thought it would be just ourselves when low and behold there were 12 or 14 and five butlers to attend to our wants. Is it not strange how accustomed one becomes to having things on a grand scale and thinks such a thing informal - Mrs. Twombly seems very simple and sensible - With all her wealth she has had such terrible sorrows too. Mr. Twombly died about two years ago, one son of typhoid, another drowned and a daughter of something I know not and just six months ago a son-in-law. It seems no one can have all things their way - We had a very pleasant time and met Mr. and Mrs. ~~Claflin~~ ~~Chalfin~~ Chlaflin, the great merchant. He owns Lord & Taylor, McCreery, O'Neils and Hahne's here in Newark. I don't know how many more. Both were very pleasant indeed. Thomas and I both agreed that our

own simple home was better than all that parade. If we can only keep these rooms up to something fine we have all and more room than we need - The Twombly house is very elegant indeed, of course.

I must tell you, mother dear, a sweet thing Madeline said on the train just as we were leaving Hudson and were settled for travel. She was very much impressed in seeing you and Dr. Foltz together. She thought Dr. Foltz so fine too - "You know mother, what we lack in Orange is old people". "We need them in our lives". She felt the softening, beautiful influence. You are such a darling mother and all feel it when with you. May Gordich and Mrs. Gillatt were in for a little tea last evening and May spoke again as she always does of going down and having ten o'clock coffee with you. She treasures those moments with you of all things in Akron. She speaks of it so often.

I must get to bed now as I have to make an early start to N. Y. in the morning - I dread it.

Lovingly Mina.

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Author
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Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Mentioned

- Wise, Stephen Samuel
- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Wilson, Woodrow
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-11-12

Type
Letter

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- Religion and spirituality
- Politics and government
- Health and medicine
- Cylinder recordings

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My darling Mother, Grace & Sue.

Yes darling I am glad that Edward came up to see you. It seems terrible to have any family misunderstandings and unity is the only way to have happiness — It is give and take in this life and the sooner we learn that lesson the better for us all.

Well the past week has passed off with some success but not altogether. Governor Wilson arrived an hour late which ruined the reception idea at the club. I suppose that I shall be blamed for it but I am going to try to have it understood at the next club meeting. He was very pleasant the little we saw of him, but his speech was an hour long — We all were ready for him to stop. Rabbi Wise was most interesting but gave us no help as to running our city — This week is full again but,

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not write the responsibility of last week. This is more of pleasurable things. I saw Mrs. Burch as I told you. She gets no better but seemingly no worse except to grow weaker. She does not seem to suffer but is quite helpless. Her mind wanders most of the time. It seems to be like a clot on the brain. She talks of everything that has been in her past. It is very sad to see her in such a helpless condition. I wrote your message to her, mother dear. Next Wednesday week I may go up to see Charles for a couple of days. My Thanksgiving seems right upon us. What about your coming on now? You know we all would love to have you. Grace could bring you on and have a little change too. Come before the snow and it gets so cold.

Well darling goodnight. Thomas has been having me run off cylinders all evening and now it is 11.30 -

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I must write Charles a line.
May too but. I fear it will be
too late for that.
Love & kisses to all.
Lovingly Mina,

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Perine, Mary Elizabeth McCabe (Mrs John J.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-11-17

Type
Letter

Subject
Health and medicine

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Dear Mother

I am writing you just a line to try to make up a little for the fine long letter I received from you the other day. We (I mean Mrs. Burns, family and I) have been having one of the of times. Last night we went to the theater as you remember and late - The weather has been fine lately. Dixie is in bed also Theo- Thomas going now, so I must too -

This is Theodore's form for our letters - He is trying to help out our daily letters. Mrs. Burch is no better. It is very sad to see her. Her mind is gone -

Please write soon again.

I think I will close now because it is bed time and I have a full day ahead

Yours, Lovingly Mina.

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Title
[F5C01BD], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, November 20th, 1911

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-11-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Phonograph

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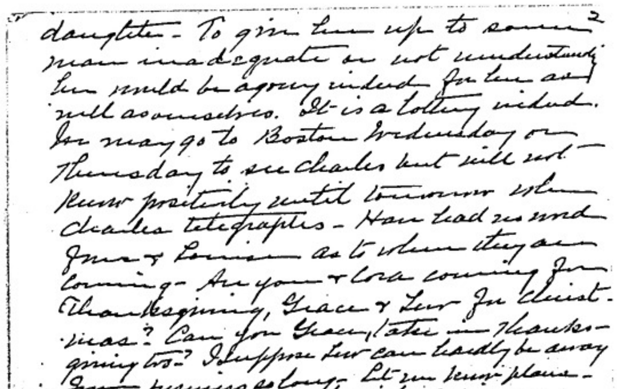
Glenmont.

My darling Mother. Thomas is at the labratory with a committee of men on music. It is 12 o'clock now and no telling when he will be home so Madeleine and I am going to bed. Poor, dear, little Madeleine is so unsettled and I feel so anxious lest I should be the cause of more unhappiness by opposing him than if she married John Sloane. I am so anxious in every way. Little darling



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daughter - To give her up to some man inadequate or not understanding her would be agony indeed for her as well as ourselves. It is a lottery indeed. Joe may go to Boston Wednesday or Thursday to see Charles but will not know positively until tomorrow when Charles telegraphs - Have had no word from & Louise as to when they are coming - Are you & Cora coming for Thanksgiving, Grace & Lew for Christmas? Can you Grace, take in Thanksgiving too? I suppose Lew can hardly be away from business so long. Let me know plans -

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Title
[F5C01BE], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, November 22nd, 1911

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Conger, Kenyon Bronson
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

Date
1911-11-22

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Health and medicine

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I will close now and write soon again to you and dear Johny love and kisses to one and all I am your loving Mother

dear Mr Edison must not work to hard,

Akron Ohio Nov 22 [illegible]

My dear Mina and Mr Edison [illegible]

I hear from the little welcom cardes we receive you are working to hard and you will have to stop if you donot want to now these colds are not easy things you aught to take care and not let them come near you as I have had A touch of one and I can tell you it doesnot make one feel any to good now I would advise you and all of you to be careful keep away from colds. I was glad to hear dear Lewey read your letter to me but I can tell you you aught to be carful and rest all you can

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now let the young folks do what you do for dear
Mr Edison when you dont feel well and when
you are well you can do it and let them rest
dont you think that good that way we all get
to do something and dont get to tired
I do hope these few lines will find you
and all well well it seemes so strange
to think we are having winter [illegible]
Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to Marble for the winter she has her
[illegible] settled in her cottage and now she
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they have
A little Babbe I think there will be A
lonesome Mother when left alone it is
hard to think what A young Life has
to go through with at first but if we can
keep well and strong we can bare all.

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[illegible] Mina [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with me [illegible] [illegible] dinner [illegible] [illegible]
days [illegible] [illegible] is not [illegible] and as I
am just now I will have to ask you to
excuse me this time taking Thanksgiving
dinner with you and your dear ones I have
had that pleasure long before this and I
can [illegible] I never [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and Edison winter has come A little sooner
than we expected [illegible] [illegible] many thanks
I know you will have A good and thankful
time Dear Mina where is the silk for
dear Mr Edisons Handchiefs I fear I
will have to work pretty steady to get
them ready in time O how we will
miss dear Mrs Bruch she is such A lovely
Woman I hope you can Talk with her yet.

These pieces will tell you about our dear old church it realy does seem sad to think we never will go there again but it may be all right the church makes money the other way they would have. Well darling I will close hoping you will pleas excuse poor writing and composing your letter in every way I am just over a little touch of the Grip but am nearly all right now we are all well and do hope all are well with you love and kisses to you and each one of your dear ones pleas kiss Johny for me and tell him I love him I do hope he has those Rabbits ready now and all enjoy them I will write to him next time

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[F5C01BF], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 28th, 1911

Title
[F5C01BF], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 28th, 1911

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Raymond, Charles Beebe
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

Date
1911-11-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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9 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO,

Nov. 28. 1911.

My Dear Sister Mina.

It is too bad that Mother can't come out to see you for Thanksgiving, but she has a very bad cold, but is better just now. I think you had better come in and see her after Thursday.
She will not be able to go any where this winter. She is much weaker now than at any other times when she does not feel well. You must remember she is eighty-one, and we can't expect much for her to do. We have not heard any thing from Mary or Louise yet. Akron is just about as when you were here. The Raymond wedding was a grand affair. and every thing went off in fine shape. Cora is better was out yesterday. I thank you very much for your invitation for Thanksgiving but I will stay at home with Mother. I will stay by her as long as she lives, then I don't know what will become of me. Wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving. Love to all. Lewis

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Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Date
1911-12-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- Religion and spirituality
- Health and medicine
- Psychology

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239 Summit Ave
St Paul Minn
December 18

My dear Mina

Thank you for sending me so promptly the report from your dear mother. I like to feel that I am counted in with the family, as indeed I always count myself, and especialy with the members of your fathers family which has always been very dear to me. I realize the very serious nature of such an accident at your mothers age, but I have known among personal friends at Yankton two such cases both of which recovered, and I hope she may do so at least in a measure

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She cannot be so crippled that her brave sweet loving presence would not be a blessing in any household. I have thought much of her since Robert's death. She always seemed to have a peculiar tenderness for him and his sudden and unexpected death must have been a terrible shock to her.

My dear you ask a question not easily answered when you say What do you think of life? Is it not strange? Strange enough it surely is, and often, from our limited view, wholly inexplicable, but we have to remember how limited our view is. In one of George Macdonald's stories, a man says "O why did God make me since I must suffer so." and the friend replies "My friend, God has not made you, he is *making* you!" We have to remember that creative processes are still going on, in the individual and in the world. But I can tell you what I try to think, and sometimes do think if you will get a copy of the Outlook for December 9. and read an article by Dr Lyman Abbott on Saving Faith, with the title "Letters to Unknown Friends" page 849. It is the clearest, simplest most illuminating statement I have ever seen on the faith that really saves in this perplexing world.

I have no doubt you will be a help and comfort to poor Louise. My love to her, and tell her I will try to write her soon. With dearest love to you

Yours always Aunt Emily

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Title
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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Hutchison, Miller Reese
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1911-1912

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Politics and government
- Electric battery
- Motion pictures

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother. This evening we are going to a concert and vote on the School board question. Madeleine and I are voting & Papa goes to the laboratory without voting. How is that for advanced thought! He is too busy "you do it" — is the answer he gave me. Today I had lunch with some fine women and we certainly had a pleasant time. Thomas is going down to the Laboratory to do some business with some men on the battery work so it came in very conveniently for me as I wanted to go to this concert. Last night he was down seeing men on the moving picture question in the schools. What I am afraid of is he will get the laboratory mania fever. Mr. Hutchinson is so full of energy that he keeps Thomas constantly in a high pitch - It is all right for Hutch. he is young but Thomas has had his time at that & should ease up. Kiss - "God bless you", Mina.

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Title
[F5C02A], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 9th, 1912

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

Date
1912-01-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Social customs, norms, values
- Financial operations (companies and organizations)
- Health and medicine
- Electric battery

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COLONIAL HOTEL
CLEVELAND, O.
McCREARY & FURST

Dear Mina & Thomas Jan 9. 1912

May be a little late but never the less thanks and lots of them are due you for the very fine Christmas Remembrance, and Ora & Elizabeth join me in again thanking you for the ever kind things you have done for us. The packages came through in good order and the Drinks & Eats we have enjoyed with several meals already. Sorry you two could not stop over on your way from Chicago and taken meal or two with us. Ora is still a good cook and with the two Birds to help out we could

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COLONIAL HOTEL
CLEVELAND O.
McCREARY & FURST

have kept you well alive I am sure.

Was over to see Mother yesterday and found her happy with her knitting and enjoying her three good meals a day. She surely is a marvel and while we cannot understand why she must have this affliction it is comforting to see how brave she stands it. Will we be able to equal her in our old age?

Cora has up and downs, was quite well last Saturday but went to dinner party at Howland's in the evening, got bad indigestion spell and has been in bed since. She was much better this morning and hope she will get up through the day.

I am in Cleveland today to try

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COLONIAL HOTEL
CLEVELAND, O.
McCREARY & FURST

Collect an account for two Edison Batteries from Chisholm & Phillips a fine and supposed to be one of the best equiped Garages in Cleveland financially and otherwise but they have been loosing money all fall and now want their Creditors to help them. The Auto Garage business is in a bad way and I am glad I did not get to much money tied up in same. The report is that there is not a sound paying Garage out of the large number on Euclid Ave—

With much love to you all and hoping to see some of you here again soon I am
Yours Affectionately

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[F5C02B], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, January 17th, 1912

Title
[F5C02B], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, January 17th, 1912

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1912-01-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- TAE opinions and prejudices

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother.

It is after twelve but Thomas has been having us sing and now I have not time to write any letter but just to say that Mr. Nichols was here last night - He talked of himself so there was no decision made as others came in and we had no more time to talk. He was making confessions all the time, explaining matters, Etc. He seems all right and

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and Thomas thinks it all right for Mary to take him. It now rests with her I think but my advice would be to go slowly. Be sure that she cares enough for him. If she keeps happy I think it would be the nicest thing for them to meet in a friendly way but she must not marry –

I miss you too Mustin darling – Thomas read your letter and he remarked – "She's Smart." How is that for a puff. Don't let it turn your head, mustin dear. We ~~would~~ will have to buy you a new bonnet, I fear.

Theodore had a nice visit and he thinks "Little Mustin" a dear.

We are all coming to see you sometime again.

Goodnight – God bless you and all.

Lovingly Mina.

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Title
[F5C02C], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 18th, 1912

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Theodore Miller

Date
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Subject

- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Travel (TAE and family)

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Akron Ohio Jany 18, 1912.

My Dear Mina and Mr Edison

How I do miss dear Mina and Little Theodore it seems like an age since they were here but you dear Mr Edison think it a short time they have been with you and you live in fear they or some of the Famaily will be leaving and make the house look and seem lonely I am sorry for you when dear Mina especially leave home for I know you do miss her. I can tell you I do enjoy her coming out here and in fact I love to have all of you come often but Buisnes will keep one home but when you have nothing of very grate importance to do I do hope you will come and see us I love to hav

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you I never will forget last June at your
lovely home with dear Mrs Bruch I do think
she was A lovely Woman and she did all
she could to make the home cheerful but
now she gone we have now to wonder how
she is

I do miss you dear mine and wish I could
see you and dear Theodore but I know one can
not in two places at once and as I know
there are dear ones want you there I am A
going to be as contented as I can and we two
will do all we can to make our homes happy
I am out in the sitting room in the chair
trying to write these lines We are all well as
usual and if my foot or hip would let me
I might be out playing Snow Ball but I
have to jest it yet five weeks Ago to day

this trouble come to me I have to wonder why
but I am glad it was neither coal pit hardware
floor nor Church it just seemes it had to be
but I am glad it is no worse and I am improving as
fast as one can so they say I do thank you my
dear for your call I hope you can come soon again
and stay longer I expect little Theodore was glad
to get home and at School again, I hope dear
Madelian and Charles are well and enjoying life
please remember me to dear Johny I will write
soon to him also dear Louise I do hope both
will the other dear ones are well love and kisses
to each one. I will close now and try to do better
or next time,, with A kiss and love and good
wishes to you dear child I will close for this time
All you do for me.
yes thanks for Your loving Mother

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Title
[F5C02D], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 1st, 1912

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Marvin, Grace Perkins (Mrs Richard P.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Taft, William Howard
- Nichols, William Wallace

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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for all that may be with them from time
to time. Ira was over a little while to day.
Cora is feeling better and is up I do hope she
will be well soon. how I do miss Mrs Bruch
I think you must miss her also I hear so little
of Mrs Perine these days I hope she is well also
Mrs upton and in fact all the equanties

Dear Mr Edison   Akron Ohio Feb 1 1912
Madeliean Charles
Theodor and My dear Mina and Mr Edison
dear Johney. I love and kisses.
I want to just let you know how
we are I am glad I can tell you we are
all well but I will tell you how we are
settled for the day I had my bed and
batt as what Lewis his also but in
a little while Mamie come down and
got in bed with me so we had our
Breakfist to gether in bed while Lewis
had his alone in the dining room as Gracy
went to Cleveland yesterday and staid all
night now Mamie has the Wheelchiar

everything in the sacles we fine many may thanks.

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P.S. I feel ashamed of my writing and more of my composing I hope you my dear will excuse both
please accept love kisses and best wishes from Mother
I hope you have the handkerchiefs and caps all right

while I am in a chair of Mrs Marvin's we are both in the sitting room beside each other but both have resone to be glad we are as well off as we are yesterday Mamie went over to call on Mr and Mrs Mueller as he is quite ill going over she fell and hurt her arm a little and as Louisa is not very well she went downe to see and fell again she had three falls but as good luck had it she did not get very much but enough to make her arm ach a little Lewis fell downe last nigt after listing to President Taft talk at the Hall he said it was fine, but his fall doesnot seem to hurt him at all It is dreadful getting around it is all ice just enough of snow to make it very dangerous for any one to try to walk so we are very quiet and lonely both day and evening but we hope to have better times soon we had company last Sunday as Mr Kehles and Mr Lewis also Miss Wagoner I do wish it was so we could see each other but I expect you would be glad if you had less company there is such a thing as to much. Well I am glad you and dear Johnny do enjoy Church and its work but here we are know nothing nor do anything. dear Mamie seems to feel well pleased with her present plans O I do hope it is all rigtt but O how we will miss her but I do hope she will have a good home and she will do her part in making a true and happy home for the three dears.

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Author
Miller, Edward Burkett

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Edison, Madeleine
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Margaret

Date
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Subject

- Travel
- Social customs, norms, values
- Stocks, bonds, and investments
- Rubber research

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My dear Mina –

I thank you kindly for remembering me on my birthday and the flowers – you are the only one that thought of me that day – that is, that I know of – yes we had a good time at the dinner – but I hardly think I can fulfill your hope in regards to Grace Waymouth – I think she does not think enough of me – she never did – You ask me how I like John Sloane? – Well, I can't say that I think she is drawing a big prize. We all may be mistaken in him however – What are you doing about the Rubber proposition? the work installing machinery in the building is moving

along nicely, they still expect to be able to turn
out Reclaimed Rubber by the first of April-
I have put $1000. into it and I wish I had $5000. more

This is a beautiful spring day, I am going
to run up to the Falls to see a lumber
man this afternoon - I will begin building
houses soon, if this matter keeps up!
Well, give my love to all at Glenmont.
also to Margaret when you see her,
I am going to try to be in N.Y. to see them sail
& ask Margaret- Is Miss Sanger still single- give her
my kindest regards- Lovingly Edward-
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[F5C02F], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 17th, 1912

Title
[F5C02F], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 17th, 1912

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Oak Place (Miller Family Home)
- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date
1912-03-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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and having fine times I do hope to do better in my next I am well but feel humbly I donot know why. Well every thing is off bout as wheaf in the house and out side I hope it will be so you can help get Mamie fixed dear Mina you have your hands and Hearts full I think

Akron Ohio March 17 1912

My dear Mina and Mr Edison

How do you do I am glad to have a chance to write a few lines to you this Beautiful Sabbath moring and in our Little Bed room and at the dear little desk that dear Madelian left hear I have wanted to write but it did seam to mak me so tired to write on my lap I asked them to bring out this dear little desk I am trying it now for the first time since the trubls that come to me now if I do not write long letter will you pleas

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excuse me some way I feel pretty well
but tremble so I fear you cannot read
what I do write I am glad dear Mamie
and others write to you so you know all
that is going on yes before and better than
I do but I do want to write to you and
others for I do love you and I do feel sorry
for you it seems I am just in the same
fix you are in I donot want dear Mamie
to be in the condition she is in and
more I donot want her to leave home now
it seems the home is broken up dear
Gracy will soon be doing the same then
what will we do I do feel sorry for you
my dear Mina yes Mr Edison also the only
daughter left and now she leaves and in
a way that is not gite pleasing but

but darling what can we do all to date to
do any thing but make things as plesent as
we can for I do think both will have all
they can care I have to wonder why it is so.
When do you think you will hear with us
I do hope soon for I do feel lonesome
and wonder what I shall do I try to be
contented and wait but some times it seems
long and lonely I am in hopes I can do
better in writing and that will shorten
time it alway helped me when we got a
letter you and dear Johny dear Boy I hope he
is well and contented he is having it a little
better now dear Leonies and Edith to cary
on and they can cheer him a good deal
Darling I am ashamed of my writing I think
I will stop for a while I may do better soon.

I do hope you are having good restful time
downe there. I will close hoping to hear
from you soon and often. all join with
me in Love to you and Mr Eaism and all
the dear ones I am your Loving Mother.

Well Dinner is over and I have to ride several times around the house on the porch Lewis puts me in that wheelchair and pushes me around on the porch every day that it is pleesent I hardly know what I would do without Lewis Miss Acton and Mr Lewis and Mamie have all gone for a walk Lewis is going out in his Auto bef soon so the house will be lonely enough it may be Ira will come over as he is alone Cara is with dear Lewies no dout but you know that I do hope you and all with you are well have been fun for the children! of the party and the grown ups would have enjoyed it too. We are going to play cards I guess — Now goodbye must get dressed. I take breakfast here in Mother's bedroom with her and then dress after breakfast — so she has company — so unselfish isn't it? — Your darling sister — Mary.

Akron Ohio March 1912

My dear Mina and the Edison

Hear I am at this dear little desk wishing I could write A few lines that would be worth your time and strength to read but I will try and write A little you may know we are well and having A Beautiful Sabbath day it seemes very much like Spring we have some flowers on the Table we picked from the Lawn you remember dear Mina those white Star flower near the parlor window I know you have good

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Title

[F5C02G], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, March 31st, 1912

Editor's Notes

Supplied day

Author

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Seaton, Gertrude A
- Nichols, Marian

Date

1912-03-31

Type

Letter

Subject

- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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have been fun for the children! of the party and the grown ups must have enjoyed it too. I'm going to play cards I guess – Now goodbye I must get dressed. I take breakfast here in Mother's bedroom with her and then dress after breakfast – so she has company – so unselfish isn't it? – Lov darling sister – Mary.

Akron Ohio March 1912

My dear Mina and the Edison

Here I am at this dear little desk wishing I could write A few lines that would be worth your time and strength to read but I will try and write A little you may know we are well and having A Beautiful Sabbath day it seems very much like Spring we have some flowers on the Table we picked from the Lawn you remember dear Mina those white Star flower near the parlor window I know you have got

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abundance there but that is doubt and we are doubt that makes the difference,

I do hope all of you are well and had A lovely time on your four day trip and still enjoying every thing around you We have just finished our dinner it was good and we had Miss Seton and Maryon Nickles and Mr Lewis sup with us this after noon Ira and Elisebath will take supper with us Cora is with dear Louis yet we have Maryon Nickles with us she come last eving from Clogo she seemes like A pretty nice Girl I like Miss Seton very much I think she will stay A little time with Mamie O I have to wonder all the time how times will go with Mamie when you come we will

have A time talking but all will be for good I beleive Mamie sent you dear Gracy, last letter to you ay way she was well and having A good time it seemes strange she doesnot say more or something About cousin Toby but she hardly mentiones her,

Darling I will not write much more this time I will tell you why it is so hard to write I want to write A few lines to dear Coling

Darling sister- Thank you for your lovely letter- I wish we might talk instead of writing but we cant you are so far away- when are you coming to see us- or are you expecting Mother to go to you- She seems well enough here at home but of course the train tires her and one cant tell how the excitement would effect her. I think she enjoys a change

and she loves any little thing here she
is so happy all the time - looking always
on the bright side - We have a child's
wheel chair for her now and she can
just fly about in it - but we keep
close to her for she is so venturesome.
She keeps one busy all the time she is
so active and busy - We want her to
do some thing she says - "Oh I haven't time";
She is certainly a blessing a benediction -
and I hope darling sister you will be
able to get her for a nice long visit -
It will be hard for her now for as you say
there will be two to visit some day - Marian
seems like a nice little girl - She came
late Saturday night so we put our
dinner off till Tuesday night. I wish
I had had it tonight April 1st They could
have done all kinds of stunts. It would

Well as the paper is full and I feel A little
tired I will cease for this time I will
write to dear Mamie next and then next
to dear Johny O how I do miss all
of my dear ones but it must be so
and as longes we know where they
is and how they are we will try and be
contented O What an awful accident
O how did those Women live
I will close. Akron Ohio April 23 1912

My dear Mina M Edison.

I have neglected writing to you for
some time thinking Miss Selons
letters will pleas meday better than mine
as I am A poor writer in every way
and it seemes to me you have very
little time to read much more than
to learn that we are well
I am glad I can tell you we are all
well and we are staying here as
usial lonesome as we want to be
Please call on Mrs Hodge 15-7953

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Title
[F5C02H], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, April 23rd, 1912

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Seaton, Gertrude A
- Elder, Mary
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
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- Accidents, fires, explosions

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Well as the paper is full and I feel A little tired I will cease for this time I will write to dear Mamie next and then next to dear Johny O how I do miss all of my dear ones but it must be so and as long as we know where they are and how they are we will try and be contented O What an awful accident O how did those Women live I will close.

Akron Ohio April 23 1912

My dear Mina M. Edison.

I have neglected writing to you for some time thinking Miss Selons letters will pleas meday better than mine as I am A poor writer in every way and it seems to me you have very little time to read much more than to learn that we are well

I am glad I can tell you we are all well and we are staying here as usual lonesome as we want to be

Please call on Mrs Hodge 15-7953

I do hope all are well and enjoying your
home more and more dear Mr Edison is he 2
glad to be at home what does he think of that awfull
loss I do think it A shame they did not try to save

more Men what will all these women do 3
with out Men I do think it awful. now we have
to have both Men and Women to Balance the
life or the World we must have both

last mail made us set to wondering what All of this about dear Gracy meant we never had one moments thought but she was at home with you dear ones though her name was not mentioned in all of your pleasure trips and time it seemes strange to us to think she is not with you now for we have been expecting her home I am glad she keeps well and has decided to go on with her trips for it is doubtful if she will go that way again she has said so little A bout cousin Libby I feared there was not good feelings as ought to be O if they can get through or around to all these places with out such awful trouble as of the past week I will rejoice

from Mamie I am sorry for her I do wish she was clear I fear her being well enough to take that place I wonder when she is to take that responsible place We had A very plesent and delightful call from Mr Elder Marys Elders Brother it seemed the ones he remberd most and best was Eddie and Theoder his dayes they were manning Boatts and he was also so they were to gether more he remberd all of us but dear Theoder was the one as he was captain. Darling have you any more of those letters that the doctor Wife sent you I wanted to give one to Mr Elder and others but have not any but for my book I thought Mr Elder A very nice looking Man he is

I will close hoping you and all are well 4
and doing well. kisses to you, all Mr Edison and
all the dear ones I am your loving and very best
wishing a Mother.
A Phiercan and was on his way to
Chicago and then soon to California
Mary his sister has two fine Boys he
thinks thy very fine and all well.
We are having A Beautiful morning warm
and bright we have pie plant pie from
our garden it is good soon other good
things I hope or wish we could have
dear Johney sent us A box of pepper
d chees and do thank him for rembering
us so it was very good but us tender
mouth ones thought there was A little to
much. peper in it. I am so glad dear
Johney holds with you in going to
church and trying to keep it up please
give dear Johny and your self my very
best wishes and love in that respect.

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[F5C02I], Letter from Edward Burkett Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 23rd, 1912

Title
[F5C02I], Letter from Edward Burkett Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 23rd, 1912

Author
Miller, Edward Burkett

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Whitman and Barnes Manufacturing Co

Date
1912-05-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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EDWARD B. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

Thursday
May 23/12

My dear Mina -

As you have said before I only write to you when I want you to do me a favor Well I must confess I am not much of a letter writer - and only write when I have something worth while to write about - You know the Bible says you must ask and you will receive, So I am going to ask you to loan me Forty five hundred dollars again - I could borrow it here in town by giving first mortgage on some of my lots but I have to pay such a big commission beside the 6% interest and then it is such a hindrance when I come to sell one of the lots - Now I understand of course that you will have to sell some of your bonds to raise this amount - but as they only pay you 3½ to 4% and I will pay you 6% you will not loose anything and you can always buy them again at about the same price you sell them as they do not change in price much one way or other - I will send you The Electric Rubber Reclaiming Co. Stock, as security if you want security - I will take care of you the same as I did before just as soon as I can make a turn so that I can send it back to you in a good block - Will you please do me this favor before the first of June,

Oh yes! Do not sell your Whitman an

Barnes Stock - I see it has gone up in price from .50¢ to 60¢ within the last few weeks and is strong at that - You did not write me since your return from Akron - I hope you are not too much disgusted with me that you do not want any thing more to do with me - I know some things are not as they should be and I am sorry - but give me time and they will be different some day, I want to do the right thing for every body concerned -

Now please let me hear from you soon as possible and oblige - With lots of love I remain -

Your loving brother
Edward

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[F5C02J], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 4th, 1912

Title
[F5C02J], Letter from Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 4th, 1912

Author
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date
1912-08-04

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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I think we could and would like her she is smart and honest she is A scholar she can play on the piano and is edcated in many things I do wish she would give it up she says she would have no one thing that would care for her the dog is all to her, We have looked for for as folkes but not any have come yet so I will stop for A while and see how things will turn. now do be carful of yourself please give dear Mr Edison A kiss and my boy best wishes also all the other dear ones

Akron Ohio August 4 1912

My dear darling Mina and Mr Edison

Rec'd

This is A quit Sunday moning there is only dear Lewis and my self in the sitting room but we have A fire in the grate that helpes to cheer and be company I have just had A good bath and now have on the silk shirt you gave me insted of the white one you know things get dirty if used very much at this house Lewis is getting things ready to start on his trip and has just gone up stairs

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Dear Cora took dinner with Lewie Vandlers
Kessler and the dinner was quite good we live
in hopes of a good Girl Sallie but perhaps coming
boy we will miss him it seemes long
three weeks but it is wonderful how
fast time passes soon fall some times
I dread the cold but it is plesent if
you have good company and a warm
burning fire to sit by and chat over
good things it seemes there is something
for every season of the year to pleas
us Now darling I want to say one
thing to you before it is to late if not
to late all ready now pleas do take
care of your self those legs of yours
must be taken care off or they will make
you trouble just think what sore things
the vanes are if out of order it will pay
you if you give up a two or three days
before time just keep quiet and you feet

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donot wary as I think you have enough of your
own to think over and keep ready. now do take
care of you self love and kisses from Hettie
up from the floor you may think it
nonsense but I can tell you of a
truth it is better to comence in time
than to wait till trouble comes on you
now do keep in bed in time and untill
you are about well you must be carful
at the last part of the time as the founda-
dation is being laid for next time and
the foundation must be good or there is
danger what was it you read some
time a go about the foundation Mr
Carson laid I expect that bridge is
good yet there is a grate deal in
the bgining. I hope these few scribled
lines will find you my dear Maria
feeling better and soon well all to gether
from such trouble but darling you must

I am a going to write to Carloty next she is 14
Ah Darling I am you loving Mother.
I do thank you and dear father for offering to pay for [illegible]
help please accept thanks and you take care of yourself
be carful O how glad I am you have
such a lovely daughter to be with
you I know she will take care of her
dear Mother I have seen many
kind loving acts she has done for
her dear Mother now while she is a
round dear Madelian you may be
very proud of her and the meny kind
deeds she is doing and thinking about
in so many ways let us rejoice and
be glad for all the good we have let
us be carful and Watch for good.
Gracy and Mr Lewis went to Chauqua
saturday moning so there is only Lewie and
my self in the sitting room Mrs [illegible]
ler is dear Ann also we think dear Ann
is improving if it was not for that dog

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[F5C02K], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 15th, 1912

Title
[F5C02K], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 15th, 1912

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
1912-09-15

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- Health and medicine

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Dear Mina.

Some how, I can't tell why, but it seems to me Mother is having a hard time to through off a cold she had last week. She is very weak and hard for her to talk. I think it ~~[illegible]~~ would be nice for me & you to come each Sunday for awhile. She is much better today than Friday but not the way she should

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be. We are doing all we can, Doctor in each day.
Today he told her to stay in bed, and not to talk, so as to take her strength.
We must look at this square in the face. We all know Mother has been very sick, and came out all right, but she is getting older, and she can't through off these hard cold, or sick spells much longer.
I don't want to scare you but I am worried, and very anxious about her.
I think one of you should come on now, and one a little later and so on.

The rest of us are pretty well.

We have been having very hot weather, and that is hard upon Mother.

With lots of love
Lewis

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[F5C02L], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1912

Title
[F5C02L], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 19th, 1912

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Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals
- Health and medicine

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Aunt

119 College Ave
Northfield Minn.
Oct 19

My dear Mina

Your interesting letter reached me by this mornings mail, and was most welcome because of its encouraging report of your dear mother, and the many items about yourself, the family, and the friends in whom I have never lost interest. An hour ago I was telling my brother about it, and now comes Ira's telegram to say that the loved one has the desire of her heart, and has gone home to her Father's house, where there are so many to welcome her. It would be selfish not to rejoice with her that a life filled with the most devoted love and ministry to others, should be translated into immortality rather than linger in pain and helplessness. The angel's greeting to Daniel, may well be spoken of her – "O man greatly beloved" – She was a woman greatly beloved, and well

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she might be, for her whole life was a ministry of love. I wish I could see you – I wish I could be with you – but on Tuesday I shall be 79 years old, and while I am not an invalid I have to guard my strength from any heavy demands. I wish I could write to each one of you individually, but I send a message of love to you all, to Grace, and the boys and Mary as well as your dear self. I have not yet answered Louise's good letter but will do so very soon.

With dearest love to you all

Aunt Emily

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[F5C02M], Telegram from Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George) Merck, George Merck to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1912

Title
[F5C02M], Telegram from Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George) Merck, George Merck to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 21st, 1912

Author

- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Merck, George

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
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Type
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MRS. THOS. EDISON,
AKRON, O.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR DEAR ONES IN YOUR GREAT LOSS.

GEORGE AND FRIEDRICK MERCK.

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Author
Holloway, Metta Power (Mrs Henry F.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Holloway, Henry Franklin

Date
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My dear Mrs. Edison:—

Please accept for yourself, your sisters and brothers sincere and heartfelt sympathy from my husband and myself.

Very truly yours.

Mrs. H. F. Holloway.
223 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair.
N. J.

October twenty second.

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Title
[F5C02O], Telegram from Joseph R Barr to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 22nd, 1912

Author
Barr, Joseph R

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Barr, Marguerite Thomson (Mrs Joseph R.)

Date
1912-10-22

Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals

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ORANGE, N.J. OCT. 22ND. 1912.

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON,
AKRON, O.

MISS THOMSON AND I JOIN YOUR MANY FIRENDS IN HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR YOU AND YOURS.

JESSIE R. BARR.

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[F5C02P], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.) Vincent, 1912

Title
[F5C02P], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.) Vincent, 1912

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Vincent, Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.)

Date
1912-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals

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My dear Mrs. T.

We are now passing through the anxious hours that you had a little time ago when your bless'd mother was called to her long home. Our mother is "silently creeping away" as she expressed herself. Her beautiful faith and patience is an hourly sermon to us + to be with her is a benediction.

We are writing to ~~let you~~ tell you for she has spoken of your mother so often for whom she had such a great admiration. Both like delicate flowers but spared so long to give joy to their children.

With kindest regards to all

Yours sincerely

Mina M. Edison

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[F5C02Q], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 2nd, 1913

Title
[F5C02Q], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 2nd, 1913

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Wilson, Carl Hillis
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1913-01-02

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Testing and quality control
- Disc phonograph

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Jan. 2, 1913

Dear Mina, I thank you very much for the good time you gave me while I was with you. We can't tell, but it may be the last time that we all will every be togeather like we were on Xmass. That was a beautiful day. I hope we all can have a nother just such a day. We found the house in fine shape Mrs. Musser was over, and with the [illegible] the house made it much nicer and they had the fires in both the room and curtins at the windows. It was hard to

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come home and not find Dear Mother here. The phonograph got here Tuesday after noon, just in time for New Years. I want to thank both you and Homer for it. The disc are not as good as some I heard, but I am intending soon to get better ones. It surprised Grace all right. Tell Homer that two of the disc had the same piece on. I wrote to Mr. Wilson today about it, so they will look after it. But, it should not be that way.

Thanking you again for the good time wish you a Happy New Year.

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[F5C02Q1], Letter from Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong) Custer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 24th, 1913

Title
[F5C02Q1], Letter from Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong) Custer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 24th, 1913

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Custer, Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1913-01-24

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Letter

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TAE friends and associates

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254 West 85th St
January 24th

My dear Mrs Edison

I find to my delight that I have only two engagements the 11th and the 15th of February as yet — that is, the week beginning the 10th. It will be such a pleasure to go and see you in your own home and I cannot but think how very fortunate I was to be placed beside you yesterday.

It is so hard for me to learn to be reconciled to this New York life of rush for I meet friends as I did you, at our club, and perhaps it is a year or two before I see them again. And when one says as you did, I hope to see you again then I dont know what to do.

I must not forget to tell you Mrs Pages address. I think merely Garden City would reach her but Mrs Walter L. Page Cathedral av. is the full address.

With very kindest remembrances to your daughter Sincerely Yours

Elizabeth B. Custer

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[F5C02Q2], Letter from Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong) Custer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 6th, 1913

Title
[F5C02Q2], Letter from Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong) Custer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 6th, 1913

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Custer, Elizabeth Bacon (Mrs George Armstrong)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Works Monthly
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1913-03-06

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE friends and associates
- Expositions, demonstrations, lectures

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254 West 85th
Special letters
March 6th

My dear Mrs Edison

You have given me so much pleasure I would like so, to do something for you, and it occurs to me that you may have, or your daughter, some philanthropy

[1]

For which you would
like to raise some money.
If so I would like to
offer my services.
I have a paper on
the Indian Durbar
that I have read for
my friends philanthropic
Hospital tents and they
made quite a little
sum while for our
Hospital at Bronxville,
the board tells me
the Durbar paper

[2]

Earned between one and two
hundred dollars. Of course it
would be a more profitable investment
for my friends if I could go into
a large hall in a public place
but I do dread that and try
always to beg off.
Don't trouble to reply right
away dear Mrs Edison but just
think it over and I shall be
so glad to do this at any time

[3]

or if you have social
obligations and would like
me to read at a reception
I shall be so glad to do so
It was such a pleasure to
be with you the other day
and I enjoyed and
appreciated those bright
women so — and the
beautiful orchids are still
on my bureau —
And dear Mrs Edison
I am so very glad that
I know you and have
seen you in your own

home — and my
little thinker —
Mr. Edison I'll never
forget.
Tell Theodore I have
gone over the magazine
slowly and appreciatively
and I think it is
remarkable to find a
publication so well
adapted to those for
whom it is written and
so excellent in its
general make up.
Affectionately Yours
Elizabeth B. Custer

Mrs Page was in
North Carolina and
so long I miss going
to gym

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[F5C02R], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 15th, 1913

Title
[F5C02R], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 15th, 1913

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian

Date
1913-04-15

Type
Letter

Subject

- Property
- Health and medicine

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St Paul
Tuesday April 15

My dearest Mina

Your good letter gave me great pleasure, and what I would like to do would be to sit down and write, and write, and write –

There is so much that I want to say and you are so enticing to talk to – but I have been ill all winter, and writing is almost tabooed for me – I only scrawl little notes to my boys, and when I must, but I think I am going to be better now that spring has come, and I can get out for long rides with my dear Brother. My trouble is with my head and has caused me great suffering – it is congestion, coming I suppose from stoppage of circulation. I came up here from Northfield a week ago to have some doctors that I had confidence

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in take my case in hand — they seem to be helping me — I have wanted so much to hear from you — Mary sent me a nice letter, and told me a few things — enclosed one from Louise — and just incidentally mentioned Marion from which I infer she has married a widower — Dont let the boys persuade you to break up the lovely old home — surely not if Grace wishes to stay there — I wish I were there on the porch this minute though I fear it would not seem the same without the sweet, gentle presence that was its very soul. I think of you often, and would love to visit you — perhaps I may come east if I get over my trouble — some friends are going to Chautauqua who want me to go with them for a few weeks — the daughter ~~Ruth~~ Raymond is to teach and lecture on art — She is an artist and does lovely work — Berthie and the children have been in California, at Coronado, all winter — just got home Sunday night —

I must not write — please write me again — love to you all, all — especially you, dear heart, from

Aunt Emily

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[F5C02S], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 23rd, 1913

Title
[F5C02S], Letter from Emily Huntington Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 23rd, 1913

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Miller, Emily Huntington

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice

Date
1913-06-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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119 College Avenue
Northfield. Minn.
June 23'

My dear Mina

I shall have to write to you and Mary together, for I do not know her address, and though I am very much improved in health I cannot write long and have to be very careful not to tire my troublesome head. Just now I am pretty near lonesome, for my dear brother has gone east to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his class at Brown University He expects to be here by the end of the week, and he writes me lovely letters every day, but I miss him very much. Northfield is a delightful college town with the most friendly and enjoyable people, just the kind of people I enjoy and I could not be more comfortably situated. We have a sober old white horse and a low, easy carriage, and we go jogging about in all sorts of delightful woodland places, loading ourselves with wild flowers and pretending we like old Robin better than an automobile – I'm not sure but I really do – it surely is more sociable.

I have had a very hard winter, and suffered extremely – sometimes felt pretty thoroughly discouraged, but now it seems as if life might be worth living, even if I must give up much that I found pleasure in. I have even considered the possibility of going for a little while to Chautauqua – visiting friends at Evanston, making a call on Grace at the dear old home, and

and seeing you and Mary, and my dear Boonton people. But in wiser moments I know it would not do, and the only sensible thing is to stay quietly here, and try to build up for next winter, in case I want to get away from this rigorous climate. I dont mind the cold except that it shuts me in – and I hate being shut in, dont you?

It was good of you to tell me so much about the family. I hope I may be able to see you all again some day. If Grace stays at the old home I could go down there some time when you and Mary and John are there – how I would love to do it, but I dont like to think of that dear little girl all alone there. I miss so much in not having any daughters of my own that I quite envy mothers who have them, and I am afraid if I had one I should be very hard to suit with a son-in-law. I am quite sure I shouldn't want him to devote himself to anything so perilous and unnecessary as navigating in the air. There is so much in the way of discovery and invention that would be an incalculable benefit and advantage to mankind, it seems a pity to waste money and brain and human life in trying to do what men were never meant to do. Think of having the splendor of a sunset, the fresh dawn of a morning, or the glory of a wide expanse of sky and cloud, marred by great clumsy constructions travelling about overhead and liable at any time to crash down upon you. Let us learn to live decently and utilize a tithe of the riches already at hand before we try to annex the realm of the birds to our possessions.

I think I have told you of Bertha's breakdown last year from nervous exhaustion. She went to California after spending some months in special treatment—came back in May, much improved, but it didn't seem best for her to undertake the strain of housekeeping, so they are with Mrs Rotkins who was left alone by the marriage of her son. Our house in town and the Lake cottage are both rented, so that I am left free to be company for my lonely brother and it has been a happy arrangement for both of us, though I miss the children even more than the grown-ups -

I suppose Louise and Rachel are back from Spain. I enjoyed the letter from Louise very much, and meant to write her but have had to give up writing almost altogether. My dearest love to Mary - tell her to please write me. Love to you dear girl, and all your beloveds. I shall be more glad than I can say to hear from you.

Affectionately
Aunt Emily

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[F5C02T] Telegram, 1914-1918

Title
[F5C02T] Telegram, 1914-1918

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Charles

Mentioned

- Upton, Francis Robbins
- Hutchison, Miller Reese
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Mambert, Stephen Babcock

Date
1914-1918

Type
Telegram

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values

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— Telegram —

Charles Edison
Mr Mambert
Edison Lab Orange.

We are to phone from here to Orange – Notify Madeline and Theodore wont marry Cousin Edith and Mr Upton. Talk with you 15 minutes before others. Five oclock here. Get particulars from Mr Hutchinson. Wire whether you understand. Have arrangements been made to include Mr & Mrs Mambert

Signed –
Mother

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Title
[F5C03AA], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 12th, 1914

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date
1914-04-12

Type
Letter

Subject

- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine
- Economics

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ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

ROBERT A. MILLER
MANUFACTURER
PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
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DRAWN WORK
EMBROIDERY

SALES ROOMS
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PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

Easter Sunday —

NEW YORK CITY, April 12 - 14 -

My Darling Mina —

As usual you have added to our happiness by your sweet thought of us - Yesterday April 11th was Robert darlings birthday - and on my way home I bought a bunch of pansies for Rachel & Mary - Thinking "pansies are for thoughts" & and walked in to the house to find first a beautiful bunch of Lilies-of-the Valley & sweet peas from Mary in "memory of the Day" - and a large plant of Lilies-of-the Valley from Rachel - and your beautiful roses every place - It really was lovely - And the place was full of sweetness - And we all thank you Mina dear for thinking of us - You truly are wonderful in your thought of every one - I am so glad you have had an ideal winter in Florida - and it will seem fine to have you all back - Lewis is home for his Easter vacation - He met Mr Humphrey on the street last evening & he told him Madeline had the mumps - We were so very sorry to hear it - You remember what a serious time our Lewis had at St. Paul's school with mumps - just before Mary's wedding. We will soon begin to look upon them as a forerunner of weddings - We thank you & appreciate so much hearing of dear Madeline's wedding - I know she is happy - and after all, while it is fearfully hard to give her up - it will mean a great deal of happiness in many ways - I do hope if there is anything at all Rachel or I can do you will let us do it - for it will make us very happy to help in any way we can - Miss Bogue was at Mary's

to-day for Sunday dinner & she was telling of the fine
times you have all had - You said several times in
your letter "It is bliss down here" - And it seemed to
permeate the whole letter - Rachel thinks it is grand
that Madeline wants her to be Maid of Honor - She certainly
adores Madeline and is as happy in her happiness -
Wasn't it dreadful that awful man having the audacity
to approach you & to send that photograph - I am afraid it
made me very bitter - When I thought of all the heartaches
they have caused - If it had not been for them the crash
could not have been so bad - And dear Father Miller &
Robert would not have suffered - and I often think Robert
darling would be with us to-day - if they had not ever-
lastingly hounded him - But we can - No! I am afraid I
am not as sweet & forgiving as Robert - But I do try to for-
get it - and it was a satisfaction to tear both the picture
& letters up & consign them to the waste basket - & I will
throw them out of my memory - Lewis is always quoting -
Emerson - who says - "Finish every day & be done with it; you
have done the best you could - Some blunders & absurdities no
doubt have crept in - Forget them as soon as you can" - Did
I copy for you the dear little poem Robert dear sent Lewis
when he was at St. Pauls? I love it & Mary asked me to
copy it for her - Content -

If I should miss thee when the twilight came,
And, holding forth my hand, no pressure kind
Should meet my own - I still should know thou wert
Not far away, for loves own sense divines the
Close companionships of souls that meet.
With some it matters not what space divides
What oceans roll between. The meeting still
may be close, real and every way complete.
So if I see thee not, I know thou art still with me, love -
And reaching forth my hand, I grasp thine own, & then I am Content.

Robert Jr. & Rachel have gone to meet a friend of Rachels from
London who is coming to visit her for a few days - They with
Lewis join me in a heart full of love to you one & all - I may
go to Louisville this week - They keep writing & begging me to come - because
Phillip wants me & I feel I should go for a short visit - Lovingly - Louise

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bird and Tree Club
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)

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July 24-14.

Mina Darling-

You would have been deluged with letters, had I written you the thousands of times you have been in my mind- I was so very sorry not to have been able to enjoy the 26th of June with you all- but as it was dear Junior & I worked until one in the morning- and then at the packing again at 6. a.m as they came for our trunks at 11 a.m

I never realized how much Junior was like dear Robert- until that packing up- the same sweet cheerfulness- and calling- "Bring on some more"- Even Martina spoke of it-

I suppose it reminded us of our annual packing in Porto Rico- Louis came on and had the cottage made ready for our arrival- He cleaned the up stairs himself- and I think enjoyed the doing of it- They had put up the old tent & it was a sight to behold- all in tatters- and we began to think we would never get it taken down- But the first of this week they pulled it down- and the Holmes people consented to put an awning over it all- They won't make the tent, they say ever again- So there was no alternative-

I have written John about it- and hope you will both be pleased at the effort we have made to make it look attractive- I am so happy that you are coming for Old First Night and do hope you can plan to come on Monday to see "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" Louis takes part in that.

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and I thought it would be nice to have a theatre party of the
Vincents & the Millers - Geo. & his Father will be here - And then
I thought if you would enjoy it - it would be nice to either
get up a pic-nic to Panama - or Lake Erie or Hog's Back - the
day after Old First Night - that would be Wednesday - Aug 4th -
And come to the Cottage !! I am sure we can make
you comfortable and we want you - We can go to the
Hotel for some of our meals just as you used to do in
the Good Old Days - but stay here - it will seem so
much more natural - It will be three years Sunday since
our precious Robert left us - Every day our great loss is so constantly
with me - I keep thinking how Robert would enjoy it all - and I
love to think he is - and in that way get strength - Robert Jr.
writes Madeline & John gave him a birthday dinner & all went to
the theatre - It was lovely - and I am so glad when I know
the time is passing pleasantly for them all - He says Madeline
is radiantly happy - and we couldn't ask more than that -
I wish Mr. Edison would come with you And Charles & Theodore
It would be a fine motor trip - Edward & Lewis are coming in
their cars - It would be fine if you could persuade Mr. John
Burroughs to come along & speak to our Bird & Tree Club - We would
gladly pay his expenses - and Mr. & Mrs. Ford said they had always
wanted to come to Chautauqua - Wouldn't it be a red letter
week if you could all be here to-gether. And we would
make the Bird & Tree Club sing songs. so beautiful - we
couldn't take care of the members - I am enclosing an
envelope - as you asked me to do - Edward took a Life
membership & And I wish all the Millers might be Life
Members - Mary said she would - And I think you will be
pleased with the work - Come with a lot of suggestions
for us - because you have studied the Birds & Trees for so long.
and know 100 times more about them than I do -
This 40th Anniversary I think is the greatest inheritance
we could ask for - And dear Father Miller gets credit on
all sides - I heard the Bishop say again & again in the reception
line the other day "Chautauqua could never have been if it
hadn't been for Lewis Miller" a heart full of love to you all &
let me know what time Monday Aug 2nd or Sunday Aug 1st would
be better Devotedly - Louise

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Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Margaret

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IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Akron O. July 25/14

Dear Mina:—

I learn that you and John are likely to come to Chautauqua for Old First Night which will be fine and just the thing you should do. I have not missed the occasion for 40 years and if all goes well will be there again this year.

When you come will you kindly bring with you my bond and have the paper you wish me to sign with you and if all right I will take care of it. Please remember this. Elizabeth and Grandma Wise are at Chautauqua now and they report everything fine. I am trying to get Cora & Margaret to go up with me last of week but doubtful if they will start. Say they want to stay home this summer & have a trip this fall or winter.

Love to you all— Ira

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Wise, Jennie Stadden (Mrs Jacob)
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Burroughs, John
- Herbert, Victor
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Margaret

Date
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- Photography

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July 29-14-

Dearest Mina

Two thoughts came to me this morning - so I am going to
hurry & pass them on to you. First this a.m. - when I was passing
the picture store this a.m. I noticed a picture of the Bishop with
one of Geo on one side & Mrs. Bestor on the other - And the thought
came to me that this the 40th anniversary, it would be lovely to
have dear Father Miller's picture in all the various church houses &
Naturally with the Bishop & the others here - their pictures are
in evidence and there is such expression of admiration on all
sides for Father Miller - and I thought tomorrow I would take his
picture up & ask the photographer to take off a dozen - It is a
splendid picture - and I think it would be nice to present one
to his class of 1895 - & The Lewis Miller Class - The Baptist
Congregational - Unitarian & the different church houses - The M.E.
has a fine one And I think it would be lovely for you to do
it - Because the people would appreciate it more coming
from you And feel the interest - Then on Tuesday afternoon
our Bird & Tree Club meets at 4 o'clock and I thought if
you would tell us of your experience with birds in Florida
& your own home - It would be simply great - The Bishop
opened our Club last year and now to have you speak
to us on a subject that dear Mother Miller loved - the Birds
& dear Father Miller the Trees - always beautifying - and to

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reason he chose this place - for the beauty of it all - And I think it would be fine if you would speak in the tent they have given us on the Over-look Not in the Hall - or any place like that - But this new place where we hope to beautify & have a small Kew Garden Just at present there is a floor seating about 100 and a tent over it - I know the people would love it - and maybe Mr. John Burroughs would come & talk on the Trees - It really would be great! But you are the one to specially do it this year And I can imagine just how happy it would make our dear ones - all of them -

I thought to-day - how lovely it would be to sometime have a building - with two wings like a bird and dedicate to Father & Mother Miller But we can do all we can this year And I know you would love the feeling the people have here for Father Miller & his family - I think the Bishop is virtually gone so that it makes them both of the past & revered in the present - I must not stop to write more

Thank you so much for your sweet thought of my boy in my absence he did appreciate it & said you had a beautiful ride How lovely that Madeleine & John are with you I know their apartment will be attractive - Give my love to them & to Mr. Edison & the boys - and to Miss Bogue when you see her "Victor Herbert" is here this week & it is a great treat - Mrs. Wise says it reminds her of the great Musical Festival in Cincinnati - Lewis writes - he Ina & Grace will leave Friday or Saturday - come for over Sunday - I wish you could all the pictures & the Bird table If you approve of my two thought Won't you let me know by night letter I wish the Fords would come But they will keep for another time - I am anxious for your suggestions - for you know more in an hour about birds than I would or do in a year Ever so much love to you Mina dear Did I tell you Mrs. Peters is here?

Always lovingly -

Laura

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[F5C03AE], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 15th, 1914

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Hess, Mabel Davis
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, Dec. 15, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

File Lewis letters

Dear Sister:

A day or two ago I received a postal card from Miss Hess asking for the receipt of the divinity fudge that we had one time in Orange. I enclose the receipt and hope that you will have good luck in making the candy.

I telegraphed to Thomas expressing my sympathy of the fire, but have not written. It is a great loss and I am only wishing that I could be of some service to Thomas in his trying times, but we all have to be brave and make him as jolly as we possible can and give him his own way and think he will come out alright. Mary has arrived this morning and has told us a great deal more about the fire than we knew before. You must cheer up and we will all try and be as patient with him and make it as pleasent for you as possible. You must not try to do anymore than just have us out there for Xmas day. If there is any thing I can do for you, why I can come any time now, as I have things fixed pretty well so I can get away. However, we expect to start Monday or Tuesday of next week, and as I understand we are to go to New York to Mary's before coming out to Orange.

Give my love to Thomas and the rest of them and tell him he must keep up his present happy feeling and that he will come out alright.

Your brother,

Excuse typewritten letter. Lewis A. Miller.

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Author
Miller, Edward Burkett

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mr. Ed. Miller

Akron, O. 12-/17-/14.

My dear Sister Mina:-

You and Mr. Edison have my sympathy and I hope your loss will prove great deal less than what you first thought it would be. I cut this clipping from an Akron paper. Mr. Sykes' Heart is all right any way.

Here's Greetings of the Season—
With Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year—

Yours most Sincerely
Edward 11-5973